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## SPOTLIGHT ON NEWPR

**A**ll those people who thought they'd seen the last of Peter Reid in the First Division had better think again. Because I'm enjoying a new lease of life in a new city with a new club. And I aim to pick up a few more winners medals yet before I'm ready to call it a day.

I know my move from Everton to Queens Park Rangers has taken a lot of people by surprise. But you should never take anything for granted in this game and I hope I have a few more shocks up my sleeve for the coming years.

I had a terrific six years at Everton and won virtually everything the game has to offer. They are one of the great clubs and I will always be grateful for the opportunity they gave me to taste life at the very top.

But there is no point in living in the past. My present and my future lie with QPR and my only concern now is to help them fight clear of the First Division relegation zone.

The opportunity to come to the Rangers stadium first arose about six weeks ago. Colin Harvey told me that Trevor Francis had been in for me, but as I was in the Everton team at the time I didn't want to leave.

But my situation changed soon after that and I knew it was time to move on. Colin told me he

# I'LL BE A W

## VOWS PETER REID

wanted to try a few new things in midfield, but the team weren't playing well and I couldn't even get a place on the subs' bench.

I couldn't see any signs of an immediate return to action, and having passed my 32nd birthday I didn't want to be hanging around in the reserves. Everton weren't trying to wind my career down, but Rangers were offering me First Division football and that was what I wanted above all else.

There has been a lot of speculation that I have been lined up to become a coach with QPR, but as far as I am concerned I have signed a two and a half year contract as a player only.

I enjoyed my time as a coach at Everton, but good players don't need people to tell them what to

## Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner

● Andy Gray has revealed the reason why he jumped at the chance to join Queens Park Rangers... his little China girl. ● China is Gray's daughter, born 11 months ago in Birmingham and who, because of illness, has already spent six months in hospital.

● Gray says: "She had a wheezy chest and kept picking up a virus and when we took her to see a doctor they said it could have been fatal if we had left it any longer. The specialist discovered China was allergic to milk.

do, so it wasn't really that difficult a job.

Anyone who thinks I have come to London just for one last signing on fee and an easy ride is making a big mistake. Because although Rangers are in trouble at the moment, I feel they have the makings of a very good side.

I'll do what I always do, sit in the middle of the midfield, make a few tackles and a few passes and generally try to hold the play together.

I've been very impressed by

## SPACKMAN SEES RED



**N**IGEL Spackman has spoken of the anguish behind his decision to quit Anfield saying: "I didn't want to leave Liverpool – but I had no alternative.

"I was sub for about eight games in a row and it was very frustrating, especially as the results were a bit up and down and certain players weren't performing to the best of their ability.

"I remember thinking at the time 'if I can't get in the team now, I never will'. The most disappointing thing was that, in the games I started for Liverpool

this season, I had done well enough to keep my place."

"I never really wanted to leave and I knew that a move to another club, whoever it might be, would be a downward step," he says. "In the end two factors influenced my decision: I hated sitting on the bench and QPR wanted me more than Liverpool.

"As much as I loved the club – and the area – I decided that, at 28, I needed to be playing first team football. Liverpool couldn't guarantee me that."

Swapping the

Championship race for a relegation dog fight, by choice too, might make people think that Spackman is two nuts short of a Topic. But he doesn't see it that way.

"My priority lies at the other end of the table now with keeping Rangers in the First Division and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

"But that doesn't mean to say Liverpool no longer mean anything to me. I had two great years there – and successful ones at that – and I won't forget them in a hurry".



# WINNER AGAIN

● "The whole episode didn't help me settle in the Midlands. It's a nice place, Aston Villa are a great club and the fans were brilliant to me.

● "But being a London boy, I found it very hard to adjust and, now I'm back, I can call on my mum to help with any problems with China."

● Gray is indebted to Villa manager Graham Taylor for allowing him to complete his £450,000 transfer to QPR.

● "I never asked for a transfer but the gaffer knew I was unhappy. He did me a brilliant favour letting me go because I had two years left on my contract."

● Tottenham were rumoured to be interested in bringing Gray back to London but Rangers boss Trevor Francis was first in with a firm bid. The deal was sandwiched between Nigel Spackman and Peter Reid's arrivals at Rangers and Gray adds: "First we've got to get out of trouble, and then go all out for success next season."

**Trevor Francis.** He's only been in the job a short while, but can become as successful a player-manager as Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness have been in recent years.

Obviously he's still learning the job, and if I can help in any way I will. But Trevor is very much his own man and has already proved he's not afraid to go out and spend to get the men he needs.

My fellow new arrivals Nigel Spackman and Andy Gray are a couple of quality players and the midfield is now starting to look a lot more solid. I was delighted with the way things went on my debut, when we managed to halt Forest's ten-match winning run.

And the success of a team like Norwich this season has proved to everyone at Loftus Road that you don't have to be one of 'the big six' to challenge for the major honours. And QPR have the potential to be right up there.

That might sound silly when



you look at our current League position. But we're not fooling ourselves. It's going to be tough and we'll have to compete right to the end of the season to secure our First Division place.

But I've always been a positive thinker and relegation doesn't even enter into my plans. I joined QPR to prolong my First Division career, and I don't mean by a couple of months.

*Peter Reid*





**1989** just hasn't been my year, has it? To start with I went into the New Year harbouring an ankle injury which took two months to shake off, and then this lot happened:-

- We lost 2-0 in the big London derby against Arsenal to give the snipers another field day;

- My Wembley dream was shattered as I watched the lads go down 1-0 at Bradford in the FA Cup Third Round;

- I came on for 30 minutes in the TV game against Forest but couldn't stop us losing 2-1;

- I was substituted after 70 minutes of the 2-2 draw at Middlesbrough, the ankle still not right;

- Another TV tragedy as we lost 1-0 to Manchester United and, with an England game a few days away, I failed to impress;

- Out of the blue came an FA disrepute charge for comments I made about Newcastle chairman Stan Seymour;

- I didn't even get on the field during England's 2-1 friendly win in Greece;

- I had lumps kicked out of me for 90 minutes against Charlton – and then got booked for complaining. And that's resulted in me missing Saturday's game at Southampton and next week's home match with Aston Villa after receiving a two match ban.

The ironic thing is that, before picking up the injury against Luton over Christmas, I was enjoying my best spell in a Spurs' shirt and even said in *SHOOT* at the time that I was the happiest man in football.

Virtually overnight my whole life was turned upside down. Me and my mouth!

And it's my mouth which landed me in trouble with the Football



# ME AND MY BIG MOUTH

Association recently. I was charged with bringing the game into disrepute over some comments aimed at Stan Seymour.

I am to be hauled before the disciplinary committee for saying he was 'brainless' to sell me but while I'm there I shall refer to an article the previous week when Mr Seymour had a go at me.

He called me 'George Best without brains' but obviously the FA didn't see that story. If he had said I was as handsome as George Best I wouldn't have minded.

Seymour had a go at me in public so I felt I was within my rights to have a pop back. And if their directors continue to slag me off I will retaliate. I have a suitcase full of stories which will expose and embarrass them.

## Hurt

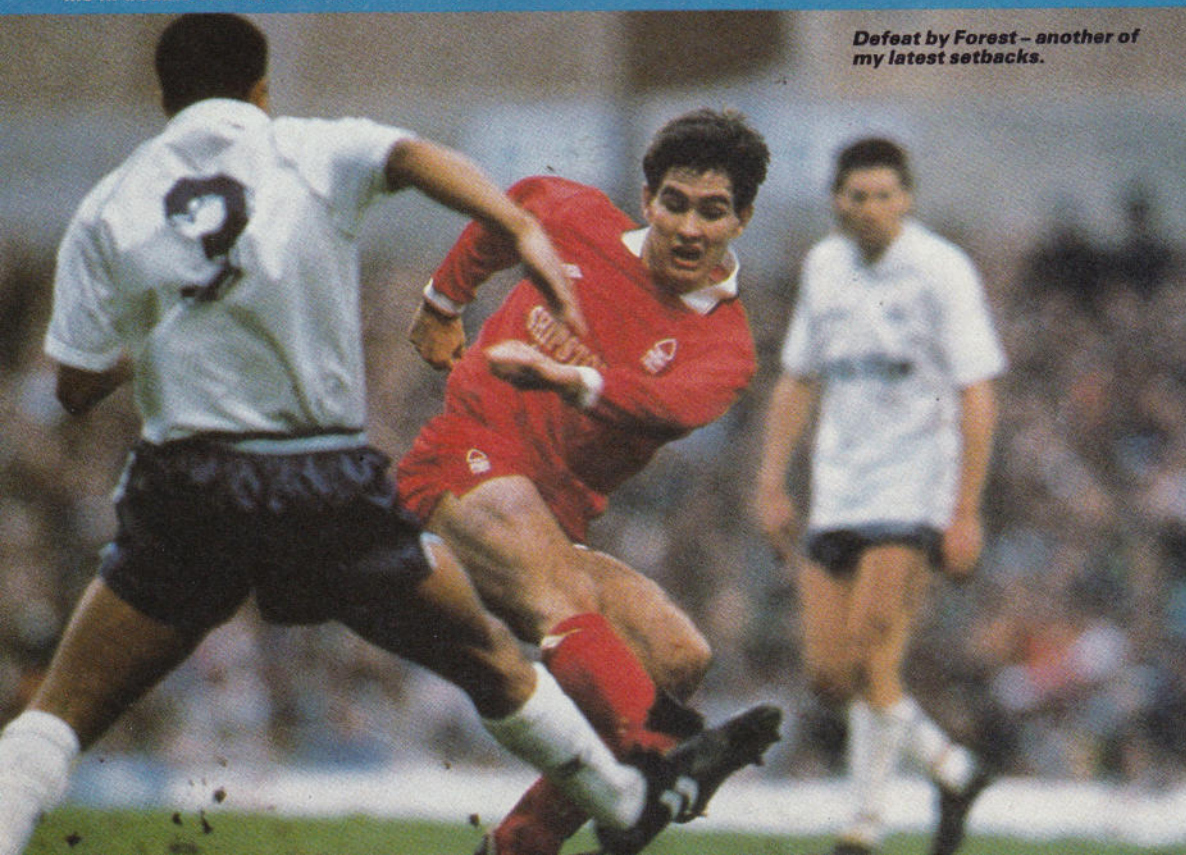
I'm not going to say what they are but I can hurt them more than they can hurt me.

I am paid for playing football not slagging people off, but I don't see why I should have to sit back and take all the flak that's flying without having my say.

To cap a miserable week, I was in trouble again ... this time with the referee in charge of the League match at home to Charlton.

Although Ron Groves was probably right to book me for sounding off at him, I still feel aggrieved that the players who

*Defeat by Forest – another of my latest setbacks.*







# GAZZA'S COLUMN



were kicking lumps out of me got off scot free. I don't normally moan when I get fouled but there's only so much you can take.

The thing that annoys me is that I could have whacked someone across the knee and earned just a telling off but because I opened my mouth I was in the book.

Finally, and before I get myself into any more trouble, I'd like to end on a happier note by wishing my old mate Ian Bogie all the best with his new club Preston.

I'm sad that he had to leave Newcastle, as I had to do, because he's a very talented player who would have done well at St. James' ... given time.

Instead of people comparing him to me all the time, he should have been left to get on with making a name for himself.

But I'm sure Ian will be a hit at Preston and be back in Division One in a couple of seasons.

Someone who has been doing the business for years is Newcastle stalwart Kenny Wharton who has a well-deserved testimonial at St. James' Park in April.

It will be a great occasion because the current United side will play a 'Newcastle team that could have been', made up of players like Beardsley, Waddle, Keegan, Bryan Robson, Steve Bruce and many other big Geordie names. Oh yes, and me.

*Paul Gascoigne*

# EXIT GAZZA MARK TWO



**'But I'll be back' vows  
Ian Bogie**

Ian Bogie was once hailed 'The New Gazza' – the Newcastle saviour who would fill the massive void created by the £2 million departure of Paul Gascoigne. But six months on, the gifted midfielder has been forced to follow his Geordie pal out of Tyneside with his reputation in tatters.

And as he bids to rebuild his career with Third Division Preston, Bogie insists: "They called me the new Gazza but they never gave me chance to prove I could replace him.

"I started the season in the first team – and in the news – but although I thought I did well in the opening games it wasn't long before I was back where I used to be when Gazza was there ... in the reserves."

Although Bogie insists he's not bitter about the way his career was handled he does confess: "I feel I deserved a better crack of the whip. I had been at the club since I was 14 and wanted to be a hero on Tyneside.

## 'Scapegoat'

"I didn't feel under pressure being labelled Gazza's replacement because I always had confidence in my ability. I just didn't get the chance to show what I could do and when I did get in the side I was usually made the scapegoat for our defeats.

"I was in a no-win situation and was left with little alternative but to leave."

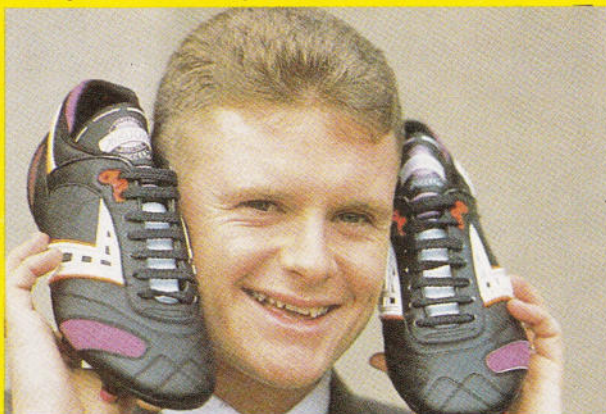
Bogie was also unhappy with the way his transfer from Newcastle to Preston was handled by new boss Jim Smith. "Not once did he say to me that a club was interested in me or that he wanted to sell me," he says.

"The only time he said anything about it was after I'd been for talks at Deepdale and he asked 'how did it go, are you leaving?' It was as though he couldn't get rid of me quick enough.

"I know I'm now playing Third Division football but it beats Newcastle reserves. I'll only be 23 when my two-and-a-half year contract ends so I've got plenty of time on my side."

## Great Gazza Giveaway WIN HIS BOOTS

(but you'll have to provide your own sunglasses)



Next season SHOOT's Paul Gascoigne will be wearing a new brand of boot ... and you can join him. The Spurs and England midfield ace has just signed a lucrative new deal with Brooks (UK) who have produced a revolutionary boot and we're giving away ten pairs. Just answer the following questions and send your answers to Gazza Boots c/o the usual SHOOT address by Friday 31st March. 1. Where was Paul born? 2 Which famous player's boots did he once lose as a Newcastle apprentice? 3. In what year was he born? Prizes will be awarded to the first ten correct entries examined after the closing date.



**B**ritain's most valuable goalkeeper plays for one of Lancashire's super-clubs and Wales...but don't call him Neville.

Manchester City's top brass reckon their man Andy Dibble is top cat - so eat your heart out Everton.

At Maine Road they are claiming that Dibble, who won his third cap for Wales in Tel Aviv this month, is worth more than his rival Neville Southall over at Goodison Park. And even though Andy wasn't so handy in that 3-3 draw, City still reckon they've got the bargain of the year.

City paid Luton just £240,000 for Dibble in last summer's tribunal and chairman Peter Swales now says: "I wouldn't swap Andy Dibble for Neville Southall."

"They say Southall is the best around but if I had the choice I'd stick with the keeper I've got."

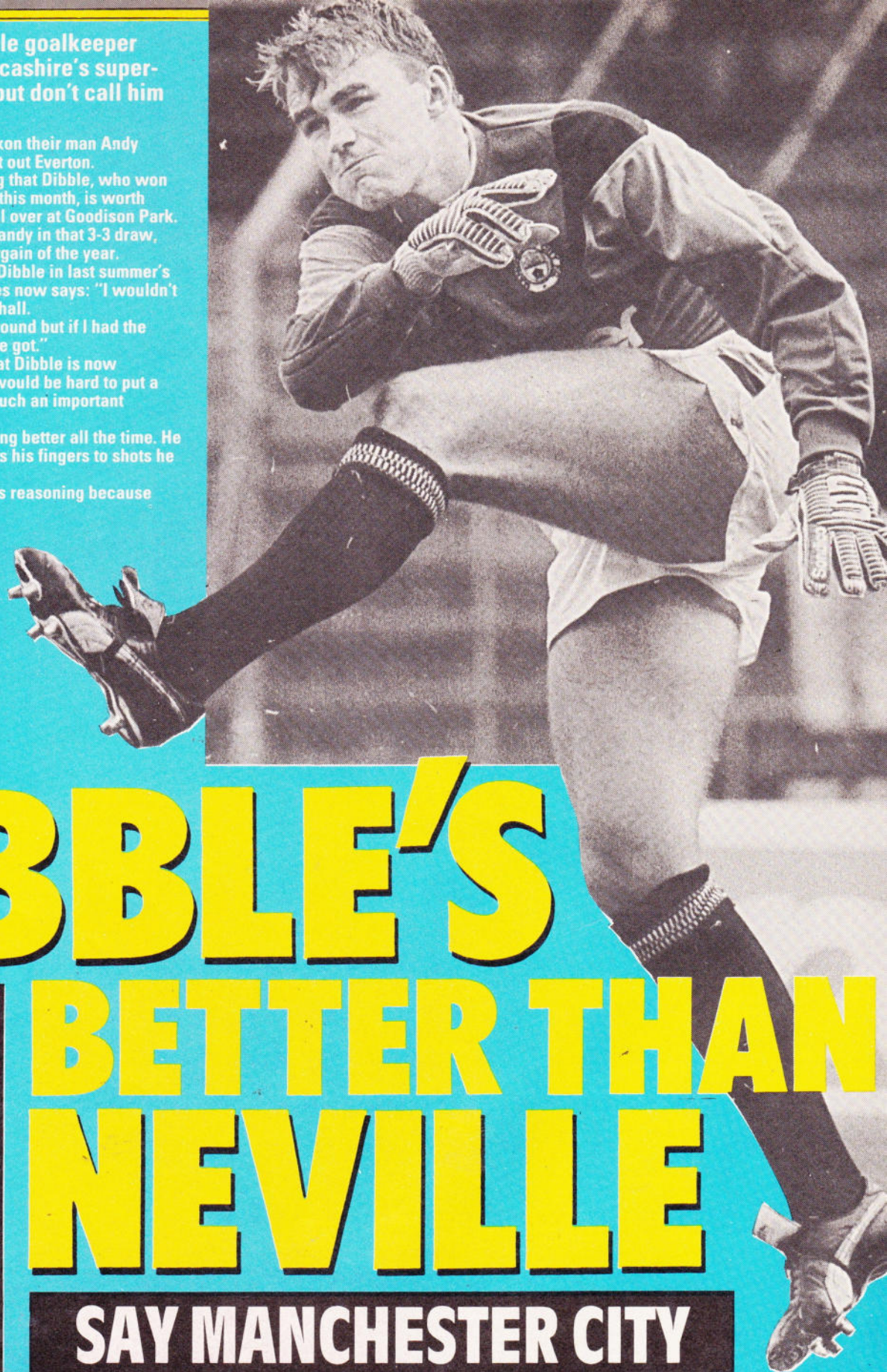
Manager Mel Machin agrees that Dibble is now effectively priceless. He says: "It would be hard to put a price on him because he plays in such an important position."

"Dibble is only 23 and he is getting better all the time. He reads the game better now and gets his fingers to shots he would never have stopped before."

"I can understand the chairman's reasoning because Neville Southall is now the wrong side of 30 and some people believe that goalkeepers lose something at that age."

Southall's current price tag will never be known since he has virtually pledged himself to Everton for life by signing a seven-year contract.

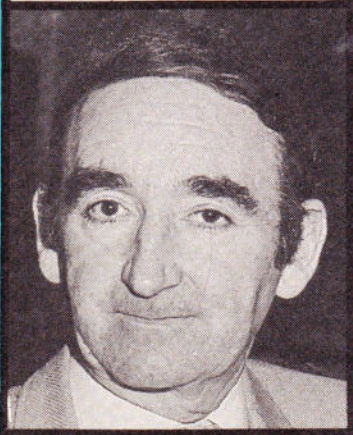
But Dibble's Wembley glory last year and international trips such as this month's to Israel can only be putting extra cash on his head.



# DIBBLE'S BETTER THAN NEVILLE

**'They say Southall's the best around, but I wouldn't swap him for Andy'**

**PETER SWALES**



## SAY MANCHESTER CITY

Swales reckons Dibble will go down as one of the all-time-great City keepers.

He says: "Andy is already as good as Joe Corrigan, who played for England. Now he is capable of becoming as good as men such as Frank Swift, who played for England in the post-War years, and Bert Trautmann, who starred for City a decade later."

Trautmann played on for City with a broken neck in the 3-1 win

over Birmingham City in the 1956 FA Cup Final. Dibble has already written himself into Wembley history with a marvellous penalty save from Arsenal's Nigel Winterburn in last season's Littlewoods Cup Final, won 3-2 by Luton.

Swales says: "It's great that City have at long last found a goalkeeper to live up to our long tradition of great players between the posts."

Swales is hoping Dibble will

copy Southall and sign an extended long-term contract. But he says: "I can't expect Andy to sign anything more than his current three-year contract until we get promoted."

Swales is offering his men massive personal bonuses to put City back in Division One. But then he can afford it. If Dibble ever wants out, Swales can count the returns on his small original outlay in millions.



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# SHOOTadidas Golden Shoe Awards 1988-89

## The Macs are back

The race for the Golden Shoe changed little on Cup weekend, but fit-again Frank McAvennie gave warning to his Premier Division rivals with one of Celtic's goals in their 4-1 victory over Clydebank.

Rangers ace Ally McCoist, also back after injury, scored twice in his side's Cup demolition of Stranraer.

Leading scorers at Feb. 19.

### DIVISION ONE

Alan Smith, Arsenal, 17  
Mark Hughes, Man. Utd, 13  
Alan McNally, A. Villa, 13  
Tony Cascarino, Millwall, 12  
Dean Saunders, Derby, 12  
David Speedie, Coventry, 12

### DIVISION TWO

Keith Edwards, Hull, 20  
Tommy Tynan, Plymouth, 20  
Kerry Dixon, Chelsea, 14  
Gordon Durie, Chelsea, 14  
Ian Wright, C. Palace, 14

### DIVISION THREE

Steve Bull, Wolves, 24  
Liam Robinson, Bury, 20  
Darren Beckford, Port Vale, 16  
Tony Agana, Sheff. Utd, 15  
David Crown, Southend, 14  
Carl Dale, Chester, 14  
Andy Mutch, Wolves, 14

### DIVISION FOUR

Phil Stant, Hereford, 18  
Terry McPhillips, Halifax, 17  
Tony Daws, Scunthorpe, 15  
Bobby Williamson, Rotherham, 15  
Darren Rowbotham, Exeter, 14

### SCOTTISH PREMIER

Frank McAvennie, Celtic, 12  
Mark McGhee, Celtic, 12  
Charlie Nicholas, Aberdeen, 11  
Tommy Coyne, Dundee, 9  
Mixu Paatelainen, Dundee Utd, 9  
Billy Stark, Celtic, 9

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Sunday, 12th February

## LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL 1st Leg.

**WEST HAM (0) 0**  
**LUTON (1) 3** Harford 45, Wegerle 55, Wilson (pen) 74  
Att: 24,602  
West Ham: McKnight 6, Potts 7, Dicks 6, Gale 6, Martin 7, Devonshire 8, Ward 6, Dickens 7, ROSENOR 9, Brady 6 (sub Kelly 31 mins 6), Ince 8.  
Luton: Sealey 8, Brecker 7, Grimes 6, Preece 8, Foster 7, Beaumont 7, Wilson 7, WEGERLE 9, Harford 8, Hill 7, Black 7.  
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymore)

Tuesday, 14th February

## DIVISION ONE

**EVERTON (1) 1** Cottee 13  
**ASTON VILLA (1) 1** Ormondroyd 16.  
Att: 20,142  
Everton: SOUTHALL 9, McDonald 7, Van den Hauwe 5 (sub Nevin 27 mins 6), Ratcliffe 7, Watson 6, Bracewell 7, Steven 7, McCall 6, Sharp 8, Cottee 8, Shedy 8. Sub: Clarke.  
Aston Villa: Butler 6, Price 6, Gray 6, Gage 7, Mounfield 7, Evans 6, Callaghan 6, Platt 8, McNally 8, Cowans 8, ORMONDROYD 9. Subs: Birch, Daley.  
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

**HAMILTON (0) 0**  
**ABERDEEN (1) 2** Connor 40, Wright 59  
Att: 2,016  
Hamilton: Ferguson 6, McKee 5, Napier 6, Weir 6, JAMIESON 8, Archer 5, Fraser 5, Miller 6, Gordon 6, Roseburgh 7, McDonald 5.  
Aberdeen: Snelders 8, McKimmie 7, I. Robertson 7, Simpson 7, McLeish 8, Irvine 7, NICHOLAS 9, Bett 7, Wright 6, Connor 6, Hewitt 6.  
Ref: J. McGillivray (Edinburgh)

Wednesday, 15th February

## LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL, 1st Leg.

**NOTTM F (0) 1** Pender (o.g.) 86  
**BRISTOL C (0) 1** Mardon 66  
Att: 30,016  
Notts F: Sutton 7, Laws 6, PEARCE 9, Chettle 7, Wilson 6, Hodge 7, Carr 6, Webb 7, Clough 8, Chapman 8, Parker 7.  
Bristol: Waugh 8, Honor 6, Bailey 7, Newman 6, Pender 6, Mardon 7, Galliers 8, McClaren 7, Gavin 6, WALSH 9, Jordan 6.  
Ref: T. Holbrook (Wolves)

Monday, 13th February

## DIVISION THREE

**PORT VALE.....(1) 3** ALDRSHOT (0) 0  
Jones, Beckford 2 5,033

Tuesday, 14th February

## DIVISION FOUR

**HALIFAX.....(0) 2** L. ORIENT.....(0) 2  
Matthews, Allison Comfort 2 1,477



Jubilant Bristol City celebrate Paul Mardon's Littlewoods Cup cracker at Nottingham Forest.

**Brian Marwood heads for goal as Arsenal beat France 2-0 in their prestigious Highbury friendly.**

**GRIMSBY.....(0) 0** DARLINGTON (0) 0  
4,628

Postponed: St Mirren v Hibernian (pitch waterlogged)

## SCOTTISH DIV ONE

**CLYDEBANK (1) 3** Q. OF SOUTH (0) 0  
PARTICK.....(1) 4 AYR.....(1) 1

## FRIENDLY

**ARSENAL.....(0) 2** FRANCE.....(0) 0  
Hayes, Smith 21,785

Friday, February 17

## DIVISION THREE

**SWANSEA.....(0) 1** ALDRSHOT (0) 0  
Bodak



# BARCLAYS LEAGUE

## DIVISION ONE

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Arsenal	24	6	3	1	19 10	9	3	2	3	14 51
Norwich	24	5	6	2	17 14	8	2	1	19 11	47
Man. Utd	24	7	4	1	20 7	3	5	4	14 12	39
Nottm F.	24	3	6	2	13 10	6	5	2	21 16	38
Coventry	24	6	2	4	19 12	4	5	3	14 13	37
Liverpool	23	4	5	2	16 12	7	5	4	18 13	36
Millwall	23	7	1	3	20 12	4	5	4	15 18	36
Derby	23	5	2	6	15 12	5	3	2	11 6	35
Everton	24	5	2	2	13 3	4	5	9	13 33	34
Wimbledon	23	6	2	4	14 13	3	5	13	17 32	30
Aston Villa	25	6	3	3	19 14	1	6	6	15 24	30
Middlesbro	24	6	4	2	18 13	2	2	8	12 23	30
Luton	24	5	5	2	19 11	2	3	7	8 18	29
Southampton	25	4	5	4	21 20	2	5	5	16 27	28
Tottenham	24	4	5	4	21 20	2	4	5	13 16	27
QPR	25	4	3	5	12 10	2	5	6	12 14	26
Charlton	24	2	5	6	16 22	2	4	4	10 13	24
Sheff Wed	24	3	4	5	11 17	2	5	8	17 24	24
Newcastle	24	2	4	6	12 18	3	2	7	9 25	21
West Ham	23	1	3	7	11 22	3	2	7	9 19	17

## DIVISION TWO

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Chelsea	29	8	4	2	28 14	8	5	2	3	15 57
Man City	29	8	5	1	30 14	7	3	4	15 10	56
Watford	28	9	3	2	25 9	5	4	6	17 20	48
Blackburn	28	10	2	2	29 17	4	4	6	17 23	48
West Brom	29	8	4	2	28 11	4	6	5	18 18	46
Leeds	29	8	3	3	22 11	3	4	6	14 16	44
Bournemouth	28	9	1	4	19 10	4	3	7	12 22	43
C. Palace	27	7	6	1	25 12	4	3	6	18 23	42
Barnsley	28	8	4	2	26 15	3	5	6	13 22	42
Stoke	28	8	4	2	21 12	3	4	7	13 32	41
Swindon	28	7	5	2	24 17	3	5	6	18 24	40
Ipswich	28	7	2	5	25 17	5	2	7	13 32	41
Sunderland	29	7	6	1	22 11	3	4	8	15 25	40
Hull	29	8	4	3	24 11	2	5	7	14 25	39
Cardiff	28	6	7	1	23 10	4	1	9	16 29	38
Plymouth	29	8	3	4	25 13	2	4	8	11 28	37
Leicester	29	7	4	4	21 14	2	6	6	14 26	37
Bradford	29	5	7	3	17 13	3	4	7	13 21	35
Oxford	28	7	3	4	27 20	2	3	9	15 23	33
Oldham	29	6	5	4	29 21	1	5	8	15 26	31
Brighton	29	6	4	4	25 16	2	2	11	15 32	30
Shrewsbury	28	1	7	6	12 19	3	4	7	10 24	23
Birmingham	28	2	3	10	13 27	2	4	8	6 26	19
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## DIVISION THREE

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Wolves	28	12	2	0	40 12	6	5	3	2	17 61
Port Vale	28	10	2	2	34 12	6	4	4	19 16	54
Bury	29	9	4	2	24 13	5	3	6	23 24	49
Swansea	28	9	5	1	24 12	4	4	5	14 16	48
Chester	28	9	3	2	25 12	4	5	3	19 29	48
Sheff Utd	25	10	0	2	34 11	4	4	5	22 20	46
Bristol R.	28	7	5	3	25 14	5	5	3	21 18	46
Preston	29	9	4	1	30 15	2	5	8	13 22	42
Fulham	29	8	5	2	30 19	4	1	9	16 28	42
Huddersfield	28	7	4	3	21 14	5	1	8	13 24	41
Blackpool	28	7	5	2	23 12	2	5	7	14 19	37
Reading	27	7	5	2	26 16	3	2	8	14 25	37
Bristol City	28	5	3	5	15 13	4	6	5	15 20	37
Brentford	26	8	2	3	20 12	1	7	5	14 19	36
Mansfield	28	6	5	3	20 13	2	7	5	11 18	36
Cardiff	26	7	4	2	21 10	2	4	7	9 24	35
Bolton	29	7	4	3	26 15	2	3	10	9 25	34
Northampton	29	7	0	7	27 22	3	2	10	15 29	32
Notts Co	29	3	7	4	18 17	4	3	7	12 19	31
Wigan	29	5	3	7	17 17	2	5	7	16 23	29
Southend	28	5	6	3	18 15	2	2	10	14 36	29
Chesterfield	28	5	3	6	19 23	3	1	10	9 33	28
Aldershot	29	4	3	7	17 20	1	5	9	11 33	23
Gillingham	29	3	2	9	12 20	3	1	11	13 29	21

## DIVISION FOUR

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Crewe.....	28	8	5	1	23 14	6	5	3	3	17 14
Scarbrough.....	28	6	6	2	18 15	7	3	4	2	25 18
Scunthorpe.....	29	7	5	3	25 19	4	4	4	6	26 25
Rotherham.....	28	8	3	3	27 14	5	5	4	4	19 12
Wrexham.....	27	6	6	1	26 15	6	5	3	3	26 22
Tranmere.....	28	8	3	2	17 8	4	8	3	3	18 18
Exeter.....	28	12	1	2	38 13	2	2	9	9	19 26
Lincoln.....	29	9	4	2	28 17	3	2	9	9	19 26
Cambridge.....	28	8	5	1	30 14	3	2	9	9	16 29
Burnley.....	28	10	2	2	25 11	1	5	8	8	20 40
Torquay.....	28	10	1	3	24 13	1	5	8	9	21 39
Leyton O.....	28	8	1	5	32 13	2	7	5	5	18 22
Stockport.....	29	7	5	3	23 10	2	6	6	5	15 18
Doncaster.....	29	7	3	4	22 21	3	4	8	4	14 28
York.....	28	7	4	3	32 17	3	2	9	8	26 36
Hartlepool.....	27	6	3	5	18 21	4	3	6	9	19 36
Halifax.....	29	7	4	4	34 19	3	1	10	20	30 35
Carlisle.....	29	5	5	5	17 17	4	3	7	21	22 35
Grimby.....	27	6	5	3	22 15	2	4	7	17	24 33
Rochdale.....	29	6	5	3	20 19	2	3	10	16	33 32
Hereford.....	28	5	5	3	22 19	2	3	10	16	28 31
Peterboro.....	28	4	2	8	13 24	3	6	5	15	25 29
Darlington.....	29	0	10	4	14 23	3	4	8	18	27 23
Colchester.....	27	2	3	8	17 23	2	5	7	15	32 20



## Results...goalscorers...line-ups and ratings. It's all in Britain's best seller every week

PLAYER RATINGS - 10 Incredible, 9 Brilliant, 8 Very good, 7 Good, 6 Average, 5 Below par, 4 Poor, 3 Stinker.

**CHARLTON** (0) 0  
**WEST HAM** (0) 1 Slater (53)  
Att. 18,785  
**Charlton:** Bolder 6, Humphrey 6, Reid 6, Shirliff 6, Pates 6, Peake 5 (sub Leaburn 82 min), Lee 7 (sub Campbell 82 min), Mortimer 6, Mackenzie 7, **WILLIAMS** 8, Crooks 6.  
**West Ham:** **PARKES** 9, Potts 6, Parris 6, Gale 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 6 (sub Keen 77 min), Ward 5 (sent off), Dickens 6, Slater 8, Brady 7, Ince 6.  
Referee: J. Ashworth (Rutland)

**HULL CITY** (2) 2 Whitehurst (34)  
Edwards (44)  
**LIVERPOOL** (1) 3 Barnes (15)  
Aldridge (52) (54)  
Att. 20,058

**Hull City:** Hesford 6, Brown 6, Buckley 7, Johnson 6, Jacobs 6, Payton 7 (sub Saville 71 min), DeMange 6, Roberts 7, **ASKEW** 8, Edwards 6, Whitehurst 7.  
**Liverpool:** Grobbelaar 6, Nicol 6, Gillespie (sub Watson 7 min) 6, Abblett 5, Burrows 6, Houghton 7, McMahon 6, Molby 6, Barnes 7, Aldridge 7, **BEARDSLEY** 8.  
Referee: M. Peck

**NORWICH** (1) 3 Thompson (11 og)  
Allen (71 pen) Gordon 81.  
**SHEFFIELD UTD** (1) 2  
Deane (37), Agana (72)  
Att. 24,139

**Norwich:** Gunn 7, Culverhouse 6, Bowen 6, Butterworth 6, Linighan 6, Townsend 6, **GORDON** 8, Fleck 5 (sub Rosario 58 min), Allen 6, Phelan 7, Putney 6.  
**Sheffield Utd:** Benstead 6, Smith 6, Pike 6, Booker 6, Stancliffe 6, Thompson 6, Duffield 6, Todd 6, **AGANA** 8, Deane 7, Bryson 5.  
Referee: R. Groves (Weston-Super-Mare)

**WIMBLEDON** (0) 3 Fashanu (57)  
Phelan (60) Wise (90)  
**GRIMSBY** (1) 1 Alexander (14)  
Att. 12,517  
**Wimbledon:** Segers 6, Scales 6, Phelan 7, Kruszyński 6, Joseph 6, Curle 6, Fairweather 6, Miller 6, Fashanu 7, Sanchez 7, **WISE** 8.  
**Grimsbey:** Sherwood 6, North 6, Agnew 6, Tison 5, Lever 5, Cunningham 6, Jobling 6, Saunders 6, O'Kelly 5 (sub Dixon 73 min), Cockerill 6, **ALEXANDER** 7.  
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

### DIVISION ONE

**LUTON** (0) 1  
Foster (55)  
**MIDDLESBRO** (0) 0  
Att. 8,187  
**Luton:** Sealey 6, Breaker 6, Foster 7, Beaumont 7, Grimes 6, **WILSON** 8, Hill 6, Preece 7, Black 7, Wegerle 7, Harford 7.  
**Middlesbro:** **POOLE** 8, Parkinson 6, Mowbray 7, Pallister 6, Cooper 6, Gill 6, Kerr 7, Hamilton 6, Brennan 6, Slaven 6, Ripley 6.  
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)

**Q.P.R.** (0) 0  
**ARSENAL** (0) 0  
Att. 20,453  
**Q.P.R.:** SEAMAN 9, Channing 6, Dennis 6, Reid 6, Maddox 7, Spackman 6, Barker 6, Gray 6, Falco 6, Coney 6, Pizanti 7.  
**Arsenal:** Lukic 7, Dixon 6 (sub Bould) 6, Winterburn 6, Thomas 7, O'Leary 7, Adams 6, Rocastle 6, Richardson 6, Smith 6, **MARWOOD** 8, Merson 6 (sub Hayes).

**SHEFFIELD WED** (0) 1  
Proctor (88)  
**SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 1  
R. Wallace (86)  
Att. 16,677  
**Sheffield Wed:** Turner 6, Sterland 6, Cranston 7, Pearson 6, Rostron 7, Harper 6, Proctor 6, Jonsson 7, **GALVIN** 8, Hirst (sub Reeves), Varadi 6.  
**Southampton:** **BURRIDGE** 8, Forrest 6, Osman 6, Ruddock 5, Statham 6, Baker 6, Case 7, Cockerill 7, R. Wallace 6, Shearer 6, D. Wallace 6.  
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Abingdon)

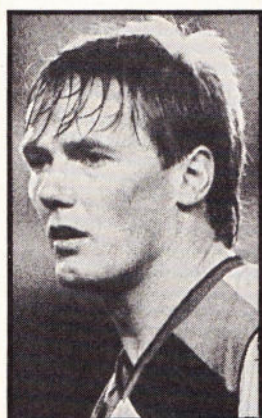
### DIVISION TWO

**B'INGHAM** .....(0) 0  
**MAN CITY** .....(1) 2  
Gleghorn 7,  
McNab 63 11,707  
**BRADFORD** .....(1) 2  
Abbott 43,  
Banks 57 11,047  
**LEICESTER** .....(1) 1  
Cross 30  
**LEEDS** .....(2) 2  
Davison 2,  
Snodin 41 14,151  
**BRIGHTON** .....(1) 1  
Owers 37

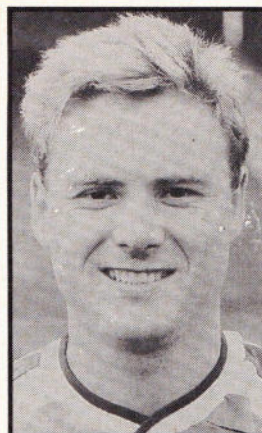
**OLDHAM** .....(2) 2  
Wright 7,  
Holden 10 5,918  
**PLYMOUTH** .....(0) 1  
**CHESEA** .....(1) 1  
Dixon 18 13,180  
**WALSALL** .....(1) 1  
Quinn 59 7,310  
**SWINDON** .....(3) 4  
Shearer 22, 40,  
McLoughlin 39,  
White 54

### DIVISION THREE

**BLACKPOOL** (0) 2 **BOLTON** .....(0) 0  
Cunningham 60 5,552  
Thompson 69  
**BRISTOL R** .....(0) 0  
**MANSFIELD** (0) 0  
4,669  
**BURY** .....(0) 1  
Bishop 56  
**PRESTON** .....(0) 1  
Williams 77 6,977  
**CHESTER** .....(0) 1  
Johnson 88  
**NOTTS CO** .....(0) 0  
3,157  
**C'FIELD** .....(1) 3  
Waller 25,  
Bloomer 64 (pen),  
Rolph 68  
**GILLINGHAM** (0) 1  
Walker 7,  
Davies 49,  
Marshall 65



Hull goal ace Keith Edwards.



Dundee hot shot Tommy Coyne.

**H'FIELD** .....(1) 1  
Maskell 28 (pen)  
**N'HAMPTON** .....(1) 2  
Gilbert 45 (pen),  
Culpin 83 5,802  
**PORT VALE** .....(1) 2  
Earle 9, Fitcher 54  
**WIGAN** .....(0) 1  
Griffiths 61 6,100  
**READING** .....(2) 3  
Gilkes 25,  
Moran 39, Senior 86

### DIVISION FOUR

**CARLISLE** .....(1) 3  
Walsh 14,  
Fyfe 46, 60  
**HEREFORD** .....(0) 0  
2,548  
**EXETER** .....(1) 3  
Harris 6,  
Benjamin 64,  
Neville 84  
**BURNLEY** .....(0) 0  
3,672  
**HARTLEPOOL** (0) 2  
Tinkler 52,  
Grayson 84  
**DONCASTER** (0) 1  
Jones 78 1,922  
**LEYTON O** .....(2) 2  
Campbell 2,  
Castle 40  
**SCARBORO** .....(0) 3  
Dobson 46,  
Brook 55,  
Olsson 76 3,877  
**LINCOLN** .....(1) 1  
Bressington 30  
**TORQUAY** .....(0) 0  
3,423  
**DARLINGTON** (0) 2  
Hyde 53,  
Emson 71 4,228  
**STHORPE** .....(0) 2  
Lister 57, Nicol 75  
**COLCHESTER** (2) 3  
Wilkins 10,  
English 23,  
Warner 84 4,286  
**YORK** .....(0) 0  
**TRANMERE** .....(1) 1  
Muir 31 2,923

### SCOTTISH CUP Fourth Round

**ABERDEEN** (1) 1  
Connor (26)  
**DUNDEE UTD** (0) 1  
Paatelainen (pen 46)  
Att. 23,600  
**Aberdeen:** Snelders 7, McKimmie 6, Irvine 6, McLeish 6, Robertson 6, Simpson 5 (bkd), Bett 7, Connor 6, Wright 6, **NICHOLAS** 8, Van Der Ark 5 (sub Hewitt 58 min).  
**Dundee Utd:** Thompson 6, Clark 6, HEGARTY 7, Narey 6, Malpas 5 (bkd), Bowman 6, **McINALLY** 8, Krivokavac 6, Gallacher 6, French 6 (sub Meade), Paatelainen 7 (sub McGinnis).  
Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee)

**CELTIC** (2) 4  
Burns (20) (85), Stark (33), McAvennie (75)  
**CLYDEBANK** (1) 1  
Treanor (pen 32)  
Att. 23,144  
**Celtic:** Bonner 7, Morris 6, Aitken 6, McCarthy 6, Rogan 6, **STARK** 8, Grant 6, McStay 6, Burns 7, McAvennie 7 (bkd), McGhee 6.  
**Clydebank:** Gallagher 5, **TREANOR** 7, Dickson 5 (bkd), Auld 6, Spence 6, Bryce 6 (sub Hughes 88 mins), Murdoch 6, Davies 6, Harvey 6, Eadie 6, Coyle 6.  
Referee: J. McCluskey (Stewarton)

**HEARTS** (0) 2  
Bannon (68), Colquhoun (78)  
**PARTICK** (0) 0  
Att. 18,350  
**Hearts:** Smith 6, McLaren 7, McKinlay 6, McPherson 6, Kidd (bkd) 6, Berry (bkd) 5, Galloway 5, Mackay 6 (sub Black) 6, Colquhoun 6, Robertson 6, **BANNON** 8.  
**Partick:** **BROUGH** 7, Dinnie, **KERR** 7, Law 6, Dempsey 6, Collins 6, Mitchell 5 (bkd), Peebles 6 (bkd), Flood 5, McCoy 6, **CHARLNEY** 7.  
Referee: D. Hope (Erskine)

**HIBERNIAN** (1) 2  
Collins (18), May (66)  
**MOTHERWELL** (0) 1  
Bryce (86)  
Att. 11,928  
**Hibernian:** Goran 6, Hunter 6, Tortolano 6, **MAY** 9, McIntyre 6, Mitchell 6 (bkd), Orr 6, Archibald 6, Cane 6, Collins 8, Evans 6.  
**Motherwell:** Maxwell 6, Wishart 6, Boyd 5 (sub Mair 83 mins), Paterson 6, McAdam 7, McCart (bkd) 6, Shanks (sub Bryce 57 mins) 6, O'Neill 6, Kinnaird 6, **KIRK** 8 (bkd), Gahagan 6.  
Referee: B. McGinlay (Balforn)

**MEADOWBANK** (0) 0  
**MORTON** (1) 1  
Turner (38)  
Att. 750  
**QUEEN OF THE SOUTH** (0) 0  
**ALLOA** (0) 0  
Att. 1,800

**RANGERS** (6) 8  
I. Ferguson (11), Drinkell (33) (47), Brown (34), 44, McCoist (pen 36), 66, Walters (37)  
**STRANRAER** (0) 0  
Att. 41,198  
**Rangers:** Woods 6, Stevens, Brown 6, Gough 6, Wilkins 6, Butcher 7, Drinkell 7, I. Ferguson 6 (sub 44 min), McCoist 7, D. Ferguson 7, **WALTERS** 8.  
**Stranraer:** Duffy 5 (sub Cuthbertson 72 min), McNiven 5, Hay 6, Gallagher 5, Armour 6, McCutcheon 5, McInnes 5, Lloyd 6, Docherty 6, Henderson 5, Donnelly 6.  
Referee: D. Syme (Rutherglen)

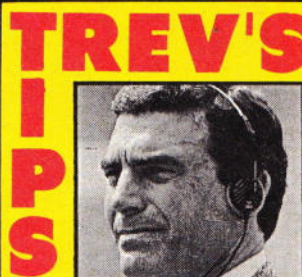
**ST. JOHNSTONE** (0) 2  
Maskrey (51) (82)  
**FORFAR** (1) 1  
Ward (10)  
Att. 4,060

### SCOTTISH DIV ONE

**KILMARNOCK** (0) 0 **CLYDE** .....(0) 0

### SCOTTISH DIV TWO

**BERWICK** .....(1) 2  
**C'DENBEATH** (0) 2  
**DUMBARTON** (1) 4  
**E. STIRLING** .....(1) 1  
**QUEENS PK** .....(2) 3  
**STIRLING** .....(1) 2  
**STENHSMUIR** (1) 1  
**EAST FIFE** .....(0) 0  
**BRECHIN** .....(0) 1  
**ALBION R** .....(0) 2



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### Saturday 25th February

FIRST DIVISION		★	■
Arsenal v Luton	1		
Aston Villa v Charlton	1		
Derby v Everton	X		
Middlesboro v Newcastle	1		
Millwall v Coventry	X		
Norwich v Man. United	X		
Southampton v Tottenham	2		
West Ham v QPR	1		
Wimbledon v Sheff. Wed.	1		

SECOND DIVISION		★	■
Bournemouth v Portsmouth	X		
Barnsley v Blackburn	1		
Brighton v Watford	X		
Chelsea v Oldham	1		
C. Palace v Bradford	1		
Leeds v Swindon	1		
Man. City v Plymouth	1		
Oxford v Ipswich	1		
Stoke v Leicester	X		
Sunderland v Hull	1		
Walsall v Shrewsbury	X		
WBA v Birmingham	1		

THIRD DIVISION		★	■
Aldershot v Fulham	X		
Bolton v Port Vale	2		
Brentford v Bury	1		
Cardiff v Chester	1		
Gillingham v Southend	X		
Mansfield v Reading	1		
Northampton v Swansea	2		
Notts C. v Bristol R.	1		
Preston v Chesterfield	X		
Sheff. United v Blackpool	1		
Wigan v Wolves	2		

FOURTH DIVISION		★	■
Burnley v Peterboro	1		
Cambridge v Scunthorpe	2		
Colchester v L. Orient	2		
Darlington v York	X		
Doncaster v Crewe	2		
Grimsbey v Exeter	1		
Hereford v Stockport	1		
Rochdale v Halifax	X		
Scarboro v Lincoln	X		
Torquay v Carlisle	1		
Tranmere v Rotherham	1		
Wrexham v Hartlepool	1		

SCOTTISH PREMIER		★	■
Aberdeen v Hearts	1		
Dundee v Celtic	2		
Hibs v Hamilton	1		
Motherwell v Dundee Utd.	2		
Rangers v St. Mirren	1		

SCOTTISH FIRST		★	■
Ayr v Meadowbank	X		
Clyde v Clydebank	2		
Falkirk v Dunfermline	X		
Forfar v Morton	1		
Q. of S. v Partick	2		
Raith v Airdrie	2		
St. Johnstone v Kilmarnock	1		

SCOTTISH SECOND		★	■
Albion R. v Montrose	1		
Arbroath v Berwick	1		
Brechin v Alloa	X		
East Fife v Cowdenbeath	X		
Stenhousemuir v East Stirling	X		
Stirling A. v Queens Park	1		
Stranraer v Dumbarton	1		

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE		★	■
Altrincham v Sutton	1		
Aylesbury v Kettering	2		
Boston v Newport	1		
Chorley v Fisher	1		
Enfield v Stafford	X		
Kidderminster v Weymouth	1		
Maldstone v Northwich	X		
Runcorn v Barnet	2		
Welling v Cheltenham	1		
Yeovil v Macclesfield	2		

(1 = home win; 2 = away win; X = draw)



### SCOTTISH DIV ONE

SCOTTISH PREMIER												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	26	10	1	1	26	7	3	4	16	13	38	
Dundee Utd	26	5	7	1	16	9	8	3	1	20	4	36
Aberdeen	26	6	5	1	17	10	5	7	2	17	12	34
Celtic	26	10	1	3	30	15	5	1	6	24	22	32
Hearts	25	6	3	3	14	9	4	4	5	12	14	27
St Mirren	25	4	5	4	12	11	5	1	6	15	23	24
Heart of Midlothian	26	5	5	4	19	15	1	5	6	8	14	22
Dundee	26	4	4	4	14	13	1	5	8	9	20	19
Motherwell	26	3	4	4	12	16	2	4	8	12	19	18
Hamilton	26	3	0	11	5	36	0	2	10	8	24	8

### SCOTTISH DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	27	12	1	1	33	13	5	4	4	17	14	39
Airdrie	27	8	4	2	26	13	6	4	3	24	14	36
Clydebank	27	9	5	0	37	20	4	4	5	22	17	35
Falkirk	26	8	2	3	19	8	7	2	4	26	18	34
St Johnstone	27	10	2	1	24	9	2	5	7	14	18	31
Morton	25	6	2	4	11	12	6	2	5	21	20	28
Forfar	27	5	5	3	18	17	3	4	7	19	21	25
Raith Rovers	27	5	4	4	16	17	4	3	7	15	21	25
Meadowbank	27	5	3	6	17	21	3	4	6	10	15	23
Kilmarnock	26	5	3	6	15	20	3	4	5	13	22	23
Stranraer	27	5	3	6	15	24	3	2	9	14	31	23
Partick	27	3	5	6	17	21	5	0	8	22	25	21
Clyde	27	3	3	7	14	22	2	8	4	14	17	21
Queen of Sth	27	1	4	8	13	28	1	2	11	14	33	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion R.	26	11	2	0	26	0	5	2	6	22	23	36
Brechin	27	6	4	3	19	14	5	7	2	26	20	33
Queens Park	27	8	5	1	21	11	2	7	4	17	18	32
Cowdenbeath	26	5	8	1	24	21	5	2	5	12	17	30
Stranraer	26	5	5	3	21	16	6	2	5	22	21	29
Stirling A.	27	8	3	2	26	17	2	6	6	17	23	29
Arbroath	26	3	5	5	19	21	5	5	3	18	12	26
Alloa	26	7	5	1	24	16	1	5	7	14	22	26
East Stirling	26	5	3	5	21	25	3	6	4	19	18	25</



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FEBRUARY

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Arsenal striker Paul Merson was our Player of the Month for January. Who do you think deserves our February award?

### ENTRY FORM

#### Player of the Month for February

Division 1 .....  
Division 2 .....  
Division 3 .....  
Division 4 .....  
Scottish P .....

#### Team of the Month for February

Division 1 .....  
Division 2 .....  
Division 3 .....  
Division 4 .....  
Scotland .....

#### Goal of the Month for February

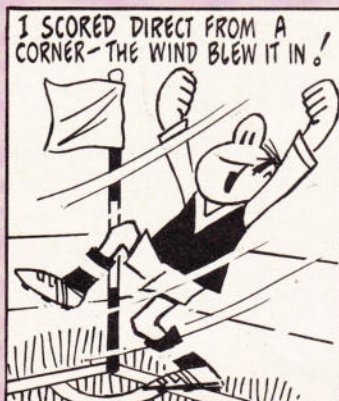
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# ROCKING ROBINS

**BATTLING CITY  
READY TO  
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**Littlewoods  
CUP**  
SEMI-FINALS



*Garry Parker sees yet another Forest attack thwarted.*



*Leaping Lee Chapman finds his path to goal blocked.*

**B**ristol City boss Joe Jordan told SHOOT readers in January that his Third Division side could reach the Littlewoods Cup Final.


Not many people believed him then, before their surprise Quarter-Final victory over Bradford. But the dream is now very close to reality after City's superb 1-1 draw away to Semi-Final opponents Nottingham Forest in the first leg.

City went to the City Ground lying 50 places below Forest in Football League terms, but they showed no signs of nerves against a side that has rapped 20 goals in this competition.

And they stunned a 30,000-plus crowd by taking a 65th minute







Third Division Bristol City showed no signs of nerves against a Forest side full of England stars, including Neil Webb (left).

lead through teenager Paul Mardon. Forest didn't equalise until four minutes from time – an own goal by John Pender – and they now face a mighty battle for survival at Ashton Gate on Sunday in front of the television cameras.

Now it's not just Joe Jordan who believes his rocking Robins can get to Wembley. They wouldn't be the first Third Division side to win it – not even the second. QPR and Swindon both won this competition in the 60s when it was known as the League Cup. City aim to make it a Third Division hat-trick.



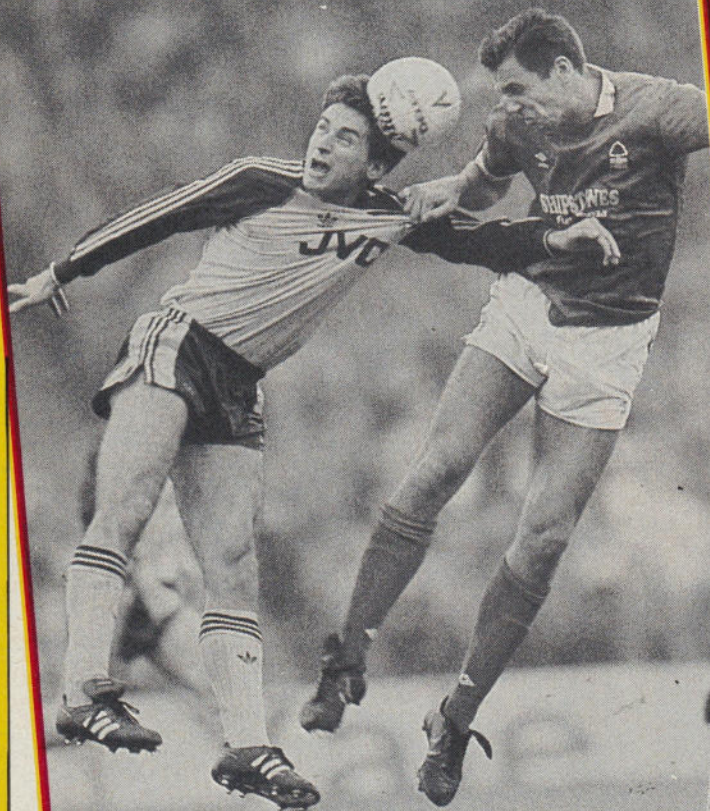
West Ham fan Les Sealey didn't know whether to laugh or cry after Luton's first leg victory over his boyhood heroes.

Sealey, seen here tipping Leroy Rosenior's effort over, helped deny The Hammers their last moment of glory from a miserable season.

But now he's on course to make up for the disappointment of missing last year's Final because of injury.



# QUIZ



**A**

- 1 Which Nottingham Forest defender is shown in aerial combat with Arsenal's Alan Smith (above) during The Gunners' 4-1 win at the City Ground in November?
- 2 Forest opened the scoring through Lee Chapman, Nigel Clough or Garry Parker?
- 3 Which Arsenal and England star missed a penalty before George Graham's men opened their account?
- 4 The City Ground clash gave SHOOT the chance to spotlight the battle of two central defenders contesting an England place. Name the pair.

# TV TESTERS

Compiled by Steve Pearce

Answer these questions on three of the live TV games shown this season.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 38

**B**

1 Name the Norwich midfielder seen rounding Millwall 'keeper Brian Horne in The Canaries' 3-2 win at The Den.

2 Norwich took a two goal lead in the first ten minutes when which defenders struck from close range?

3 Millwall winger Jimmy Carter was heavily involved in The Lions' fightback, scoring their first or second goal?

4 A 25-yard rocket by Robert Fleck or Malcolm Allen gave Norwich the points and who picked up the man of the match award?



**C**

1 Brian McClair scores Manchester United's goal in their 1-0 win over Tottenham (left). Did he strike in the first or second-half?

2 Which international, who was doubtful for the game because of flu, set up McClair for the goal with a right wing cross?

3 Tottenham's best chances in the game fell to a player who spent many Saturdays in his childhood days on the Old Trafford terraces. Who is he?

4 Lee Sharpe, Lee Martin and which other United youngster appeared in the game?





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# ROY DALLEY GOES WORLDWIDE



## HYSEN: COME AND GET ME

**M**anchester United's Alex Ferguson has been given a major boost by Glenn Hysen in his quest to land the brilliant Swedish defender.

Hysen, who skippered Sweden to their goalless draw against England at Wembley last October and currently plays in Italy, tells *Worldwide*: "I would love to play in England, particularly for such a great club as Manchester United."

United boss Fergie has chased Hysen ever since he inspired Gothenburg to victory over Ferguson-managed Aberdeen in the European Cup in 1986.

But Sweden's current Footballer of the Year turned down Fergie and United after helping Gothenburg to their UEFA Cup triumph over Dundee United a year later, opting instead for the riches of Fiorentina.

"There is a big difference in the money," he says. "But when I have enough to provide for my family maybe I can play in

England... perhaps next year if United are still interested."

Fergie has spent £1.5 million on defenders Steve Bruce and Mal Donaghy, but would still be interested in signing the classy 29-year-old Hysen.

But he could face opposition from Rangers manager Graeme Souness, another Hysen fan, and even Chelsea if the Londoners gain promotion. Hysen is a self-confessed Blues fan.

Hysen would certainly welcome a change from his goldfish bowl existence in Italy. Although he lives in beautiful Florence with wife Helene and their son Alexander he says: "It's too hot in the summer and if I go out for a beer the whole town knows about it. I'd like a bit more privacy."

## QUARTER-FINALS DRAW

### EUROPEAN CUP

Gothenburg	v	Steaua Bucharest
Monaco	v	Galatasaray
PSV Eindhoven	v	Real Madrid
Werder Bremen	v	AC Milan

### CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Aarhus	v	Barcelona
D Bucharest	v	Sampdoria
E Frankfurt	v	Malines
Sredets	v	Roda JC

### UEFA CUP

Hearts	v	Bayern Munich
Juventus	v	Napoli
VFB Stuttgart	v	San Sebastian
Vic. Bucharest	v	Dynamo Dresden

● NOW TURN TO PAGES 26-27  
for special Hearts spotlight

● Peru's former international goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga has been arrested and charged with grievous bodily harm after assaulting a referee. Quiroga, now assistant manager at Universitario, was incensed when the referee awarded a late offside goal to Alianza Lima in a game which ended as a 2-2 draw. At the final whistle Quiroga, known as 'El Loco' during his playing days, punched the ref and then kicked him while he was on the ground.

## FRANCE ARE FAVOURITES

● FIFA president Joao Havelange has hinted that France are the favourites to host the 1998 World Cup Finals. "The country is superbly endowed with regard to hotels, transport, telecommunications, security and a strong currency. The only problem is the lack of stadia with large capacities." The mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, promptly pledged to build a new 80,000 capacity stadium on the outskirts of the capital if the French World Cup bid is successful.

## LAJOS LET OFF

**L**ajos Detari, Europe's third most expensive footballer, has been cleared of any links in Hungary's match fixing scandal and will be available to face Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland in the World Cup qualifying clash on March 8.

Detari was told he was barred from playing for his country two months ago while enquiries were made into alleged match-fixing at his first club Honved. And he made the trip from Greece, where he plays for Olympiakos, to appear before a tribunal in Budapest to clear his name.



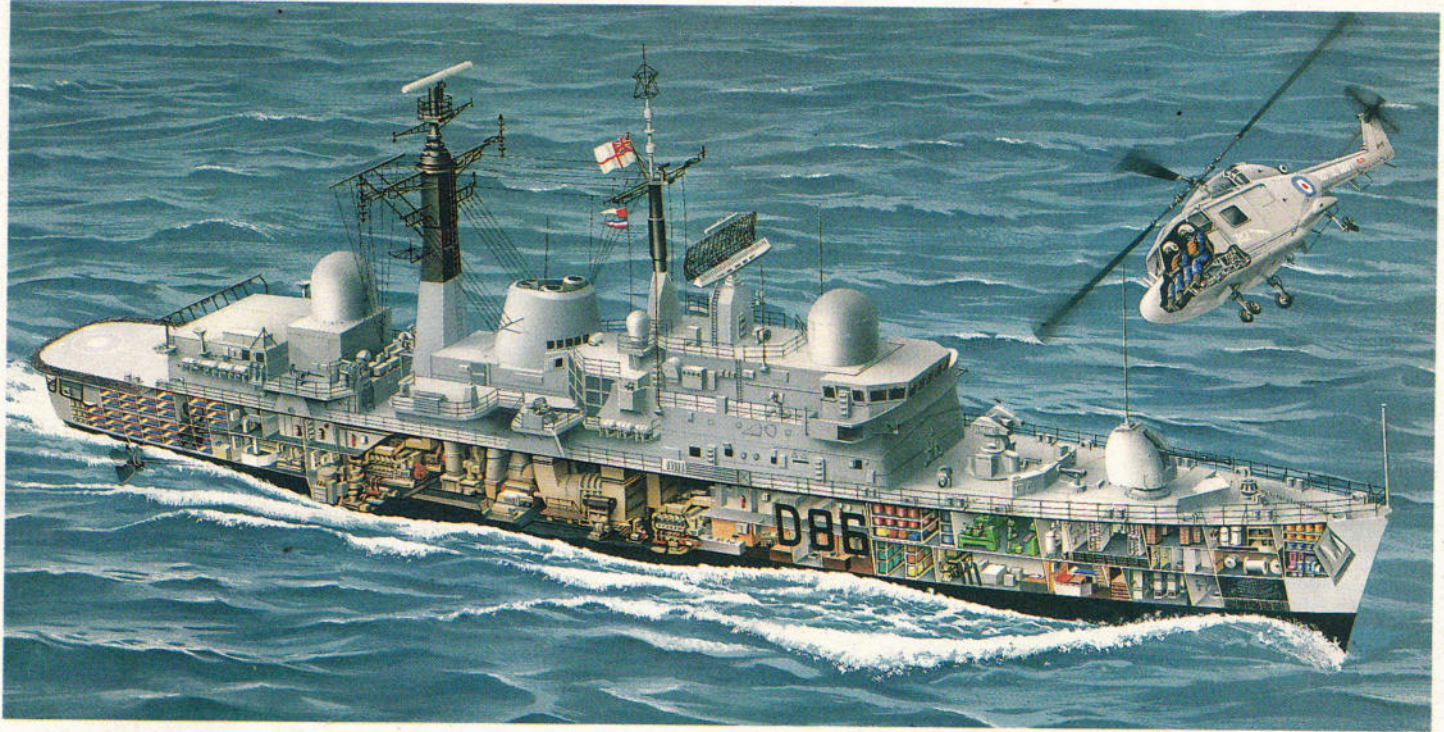
## VINTAGE MATTHAUS WILL COST £150,000

**I**nter Milan's title-chasing stars will earn up to £150,000 EACH if they succeed rivals AC as the Champions of Italy.

According to their novel bonus structure, Matthaus and Brehme (pictured left) and the rest will receive £1,000 each at the end of the season for every League point won. If they win the League the figure is multiplied by three. Milan's target is 50 points. The snag is that if they fail to qualify for Europe next season (although that's unlikely now) all bonuses will have to be repaid to the club.



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MIDDLE ROW: Scott Crabbe, Kenny Black, Ian Jardine, Sandy Clark, Henry Smith,  
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Cup winners 1954-55, 1958-59,  
1959-60, 1962-63.



Pherson, Alan McLaren, Mike Galloway, Tosh McKinlay,  
Ian Whittaker, Wayne Foster, Jimmy Sandison, Iain Ferguson,  
Allan Moore, John Colquhoun, Alex MacDonald (manager).

**Shoot!**



SHOOT puts the

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# Hoot!

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A DREAM came true for SHOOT reader Patrick Vincent Pottier, who lives in Athlone, Cape Town, South Africa, when he not only attended the FA Cup Final last season, but joined in the celebrations afterwards as a guest of winners Wimbledon.

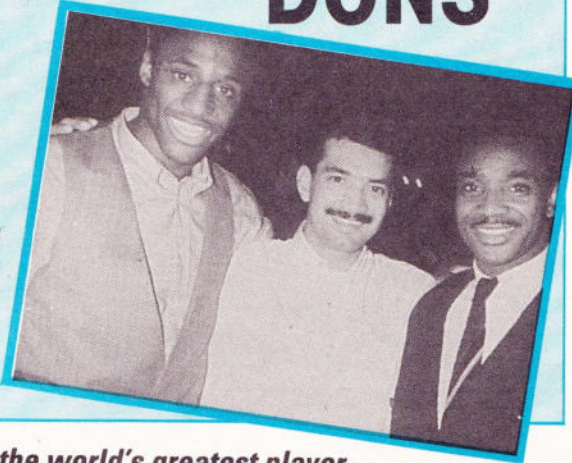
"Through a friend I was invited to the club's party at Plough Lane," writes Patrick.

"All the players were great, especially John Fashanu and Laurie Cunningham.

"I'd like to wish The Dons every success for the rest of the season and hope I can get to Wembley with them again another year."

\*If other readers have a Claim to Fame, write and let us know enclosing a photograph.

## SUPER DONS



## PLACE THE ACE

See how quickly you can identify a football personality from these clues:

**For 12 points:** Our mystery guest was born in Bethnal Green, East London, on January 6, 1943, and was an England schoolboy international while at school in Dagenham.

**For 10 points:** He followed his near-neighbour Jimmy Greaves to Chelsea, and he skipped the team at the age of 21 when Tommy Docherty was manager.

**For 8 points:** He is the only player to have been capped by England at all levels - schoolboy, amateur, youth, Under-23 and full.

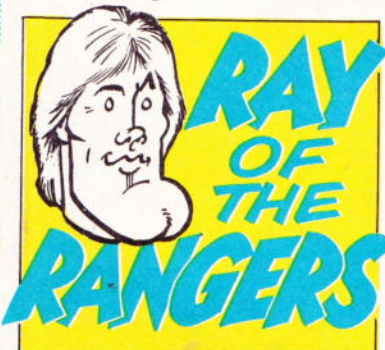
**For 6 points:** In 1966 he joined Tottenham and collected an FA Cup winners' medal against his old Chelsea colleagues in 1967.

**For 4 points:** He later played for Queens Park Rangers and Crystal Palace before switching to management.

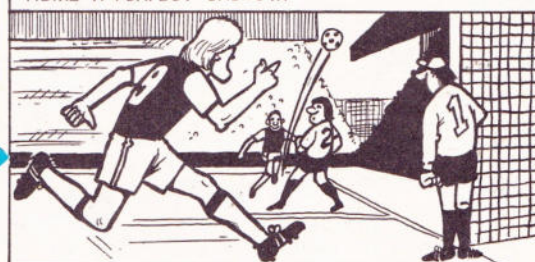
**For 2 points:** Now manager at White Hart Lane, he has been in charge at Selhurst Park and Loftus Road and had a successful spell with Barcelona.

**Answers on page 33**

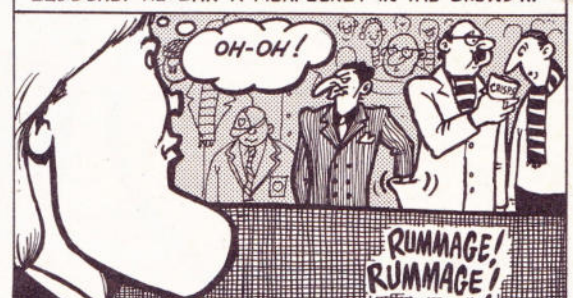
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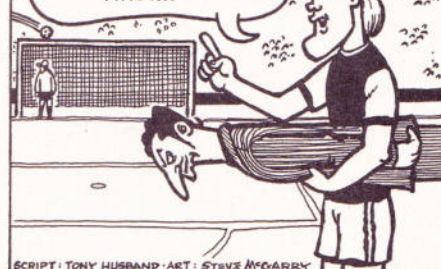
SUDDENLY HE SAW A PICKPOCKET IN THE CROWD...



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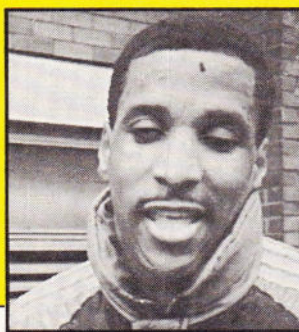
# CANDID CAMERA

GAIL Smith, aged 18, of Wilshaw Lane, Tameside, Manchester, caught Manchester United defender Viv Anderson offguard at the club's Cliff training ground recently.

When Gail told Viv she was going to send the photo to her favourite soccer magazine Viv replied: "You wouldn't dare. My old mate Peter Stewart, the Editor, wouldn't print it, anyway."

Oh, yes, he would, Viv. So, in future be ready with the smile. You never know when you could be on candid camera again.

● If any readers have a Claim to Fame, write and let us know, enclosing a photo.



## TRUE OR FALSE?

From next season it has been proposed that the Scottish FA Cup Final will be decided on penalty-kicks if the game ends in a draw after extra-time.



## Just Fantastic

Southampton manager Chris Nicholl had a good news-bad news match for Aston Villa against Leicester City in 1976. The good news was that Nicholl scored four goals. The bad news was that only two were for Aston Villa. The other two were own goals!

## SNAPSHOTS

Laugh with the stars every week in Britain's best selling sports magazine.

Left: Rangers are so far ahead that all Mark Walters wants to do is talk about the fish he caught in Loch Lomond last week.

Below: Pat Van den Hauwe points an accusing finger. Oops, try again, Pat.



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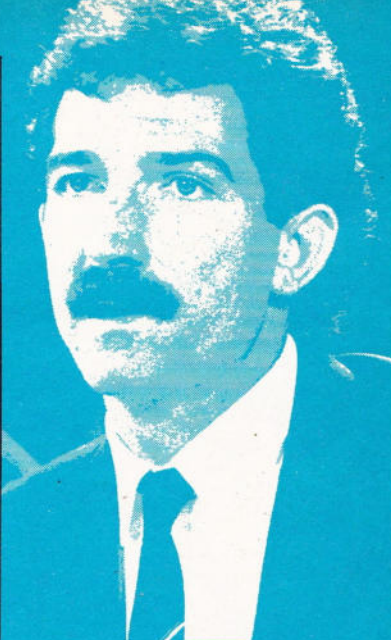
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"They say the ref had a very traumatic time when he was young - his father showed him the door."



# SO YOU WANT TO BE A MANAGER?

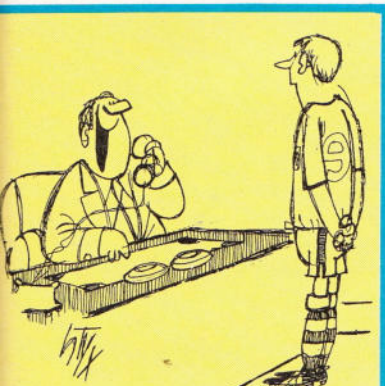


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Mark Stein	£300,000	Billy Whitehurst	£100,000
Dean Saunders	£1,000,000	Trevor Senior	£150,000
Peter Davenport	£700,000	Adrian Heath	£500,000
John Robertson	£700,000	Garry Thompson	£350,000



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## ALL AVGLOW

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Leading sports goods manufacturer PUMA are offering a pair of their superb Espana football boots as the prize in this week's exclusive Teaser.

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Prize will be awarded to the first correct entry examined after the closing date.

### QUESTION

Who was manager of Aston Villa when they won the League Championship in 1980-81?

WEST HAM striker Leroy Rosenior brought a smile to faces of some pupils of Benson School, near Croydon, Surrey recently.

Leroy visited the school to present the kids with fluorescent arm bands as part of Croydon's road safety programme.

Hammers sponsors AVCO have provided 'Avglow' armbands for distribution to schools and youth organisations throughout the country.

### Whatsaname?

Rearrange these letters to reveal the name of an Irish international:

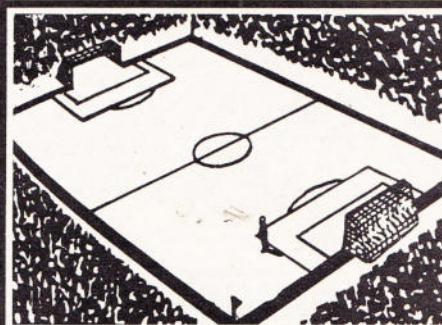
**NOT ROUGH HAY**

Clue: He had a degree of success at Oxford.

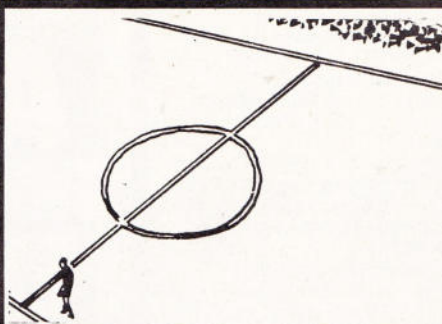
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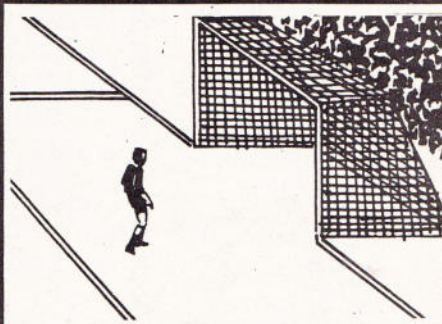
1. At a drop ball situation a player kicks wildly, misses the ball but makes contact with an opponent. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a free-kick or (c) re-drop the ball?



2. When you inspect the pitch you find ... A: The length is 110 yards and breadth is 70 yards.



B: Both the halfway flags are missing.



C: The goal-lines are not marked between the goal-posts. Where is the problem? Answers on page 33.



**Hoot!**



# SHOOT FOLLOWS THE BEAR

DJ BEAR, the Panda for Peace, is still bringing the fun back to the terraces with his personal appearances throughout the country.

Here The Bear makes friends with a group of young Arsenal fans.

Perhaps our Fan of the Year will be at Highbury this Saturday for the visit of

relegation threatened Luton.

Why don't you nominate a brother or friend for this tremendous award? Full details on page 24.



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Our artist has made ten changes to the reproduction. Can you find them?



## TEN TOTALLY TRIVIAL TEASERS

You will need to be a king of football trivia to be able to answer these off-beat questions. You pass the test if you get five or more right.

1. Which famous London-based international footballer is a qualified lawyer?
2. Which current First Division striker worked down the pits as a coalminer before starting his football career with Darlington?
3. Which Scottish-based player posed as a masked burglar to advertise a security services firm?
4. Which First Division footballer's name means black rose in his parent's home country of Sierra Leone?
5. Which manager, before being sacked last year, bought his son from Queens Park Rangers for £40,000?
6. Which Midlands-based First Division footballer is the son of a former gold prospector?
7. Which Scottish Premier Division player is the hero of the pop duo The Proclaimers?
8. Which England international goalscoring star used to serve on his father's fruit and veg stall when based in the Midlands?
9. Which hard-as-nails First Division footballer owns seven shotguns?
10. Which Scottish Premier Division player has a BSc in electrical engineering?

## Hoot! Answers on page 33

## ASK THE EXPERT

If there is a soccer query you want answered or an argument settled, write to: Ask The Expert, SHOOT Magazine, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS. No personal correspondence can be entered into.

### BRILLIANT BOBBY

Aiwerioghene Ikponmwosa of Benin City, Nigeria, would like a few bits of info about the great Bobby Charlton. Bobby made his League debut for Manchester United – would you believe it against Charlton! – in October, 1956. And, what's more, he scored twice. He played his 606th and last League game for United at Chelsea on 28th April, 1973 – but, in the 1974-75 season, he played a further 38 League games for Preston, the last at Port Vale on 29th March at the age of 38. Bobby also won 106 England caps after making his full international debut against Spain in 1958.

## What next..?

Leeds United were playing Liverpool at Anfield and goalkeeper Gary Sprake picked up the ball in his area and looked for a team-mate to throw it to. Can you guess what happened next?

## Around the grounds

Which clubs are at home at the following English and Scottish League grounds? You know your way around if you can identify five or more:

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play at home at St Andrews
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at Pittodrie Stadium.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at Highfield Road
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play at home at Turf Moor
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at Fratton Park
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play at home at Tannadice Park
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at Manor Ground
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at Hillsborough
10. \_\_\_\_\_  
play at home at The Goldstone Ground.



**I**t will be very much a case of the lull before the storm as Hearts prepare for their biggest-ever European assignment.

Tynecastle will be creaking at the seams as a capacity 29,000 crowd roar on their favourites – and Hearts are leaving nothing to chance.

Player-coach Sandy Clark explains: "We intend to be as thorough as possible with our preparations. It's essential our minds are concentrated on the game.

"Getting away from it all is a major part of our strategy. The lads will be together for a couple of days without being pestered and the importance of the occasion is not going to be lost on any of them."

Clark has turned Euro-spy recently by jetting over to Germany and his detailed dossiers will form a vital part of Hearts' homework.

"By the time we face them I'll have seen them twice and we'll know exactly what we're up against. We know our task is going to be difficult, of course, but there's no way we consider them to be invincible," he adds.

The Germans will face a new-look Hearts, reinforced by full-back Tosh McKinlay, central defender Craig Levein and striker John Robertson, none of whom played in the earlier UEFA Cup rounds.

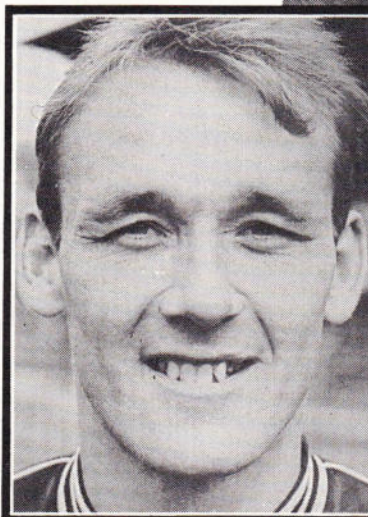
On the debit side, however, broken leg victim Brian Whittaker



## UEFA CUP QUARTER-FINAL SPECIAL HEARTS v BAYERN MUNICH

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**'The Germans don't rate us but they aren't invincible' says SANDY CLARK**



**Olaf Thon (dark shirt) is Bayern's midfield maestro.**

is definitely ruled out and Clark himself faces a battle against the clock to prove his fitness.

"I snapped my Achilles tendon five months ago," says the former West Ham striker. "But I'm hopeful and it would be a real bonus to be involved. Everyone wants a slice of the action against Bayern Munich."

Clark accepts Hearts are the underdogs but points out: "We have surprised a lot of people by progressing this far in the competition and we can do it again."

"I read somewhere that Bayern

Munich rated us the worst of all the Scottish teams in Europe this season – and if you consider our League position maybe they're not too far off the mark."

But Clark feels the Edinburgh club's fanatical support can give them the edge in the first clash. He stresses: "Like the players, they must learn to be patient. We'll be going for victory but we must be controlled about pushing forward."

### 'Bonus'

"Our fans could be like a twelfth man to us but I don't want them expecting too much too soon. I'd settle for any type of win and if we keep a clean sheet it will be a bonus."

Record signings Olaf Thon, a £1.4 million capture from Schalke last summer, is the man who pulls

the strings in midfield for Bayern, while the vastly experienced Klaus Augenthaler and Hans Pflugler are other big names in their star-studded squad.

But win, lose or draw, Hearts are set to scoop a £500,000 jackpot from the sell-out Tynecastle tussle with the German giants.

Gate money, TV fees and advertising receipts will make it the richest-ever pay day in the history of the Edinburgh club.

Millionaire chairman Wallace Mercer, who originally threatened to switch the game to a bigger

venue, defends his decision to send ticket prices soaring.

Fans will be paying £20 for the best seats and £10 to stand but Mercer says: "We must ensure that we make a reasonable profit. If people don't want to pay our prices, they don't need to come to the game."

In contrast, Bayern Munich are slashing prices for the return game. Secretary-treasurer Kurt Hegerisch admits: "We will be charging half the normal price because Hearts are not a top European name."

### HEARTS IN EUROPE – THE STORY SO FAR

First Round	St. Patrick's (A)	2-0	Foster (pen), Berry
	St. Patrick's (H)	2-0	Black, Galloway
Second Round	Austria Vienna (H)	0-0	
	Austria Vienna (A)	1-0	Galloway
Third Round	Velez Mostar (H)	3-0	Bannon, Galloway, Colquhoun
	Velez Mostar (A)	1-2	Galloway





Hearts murdered Velez Mostar in the last round and are confident of giving the German giants Bayern Munich a run for their money.



## OZONE SLAYERS

The John Colquhoun guide to Britain's European survivors

**HENRY SMITH** – A word of warning – never play cards with Aitch. In my time at Tynecastle I can never recall him losing and the lads are fed up with the way he keeps cleaning up. He's a former miner, which probably explains why he has hands like shovels.

**WALTER KIDD** – Former skipper and the club's longest-serving player. Something of a snappy dresser, he's always first to borrow the iron when we stay at an hotel. We can't decide whether Walter, Eamonn Bannon or Sandy Clark has the least amount of hair. What do SHOOT readers think?



I think it's very nice of Uncle Jock to bring the films of his adventures following his team in Europe.

**TOSH MCKINLAY** – The former Dundee full-back has settled well at Tynecastle and is looking forward to his debut in Europe. He had a good initiation when he accompanied us to Yugoslavia in the last round. The first joke we played on him was to tell him breakfast was at 8am when in fact the Boss had ordered it for two hours later.

**DAVIE McPHERSON** – We call him Slim for obvious reasons. He's having a fabulous season and it must only be a matter of time before he wins international honours.

**CRAIG LEVEIN** – He was christened Shoes by Jimmy Bone when he was at the club. Apparently Craig turned up one day in a pair of platform shoes and the nickname has stuck ever since. Having him back from injury is a bit like spending £750,000 on a top class defender.

**NEIL BERRY** – Known to everyone as Chuck, he has plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. Two big games with Bayern Munich and then the focus switches to his wife Elaine, who is due to give birth to their first child.

**GARY MACKAY** – The skipper runs a pub near Tynecastle and has been appointed social convenor to organise our occasional soirees. He came up with a cracker at Christmas when he made us all turn up in fancy dress at an Italian restaurant in the middle of Edinburgh.

**MIKE GALLOWAY** – Mike has been our European hero this season, with goals in Ireland, Austria and Yugoslavia. He always seems full of the joys of living and who can blame him after he won promotion to the Scotland squad recently?

**IAIN FERGUSON** – Fergie must have more suits in his wardrobe than Jonathan Ross and is an easy winner in the Tynecastle fashion stakes. Seems to take everything in his stride and even if he's experienced one or two problems since his move from Dundee United his scoring record has made him a big crowd favourite.

**KENNY BLACK** – Out on his own as the joker of the pack. You never know what he's going to do next and some of his crazy antics are legendary. He's getting married in the summer to fiancée Toni, who comes from Sheffield. Who said holiday romances never work out?

**JIMMY SANDISON** – I like him even more after I won money from him on the Superbowl result a few weeks back. He marked Prohaska out of the game over in Vienna and afterwards stuck a picture of the Austrian international in his back pocket. "That's where he's been all day," claimed Jimmy.

**JOHN ROBERTSON** – Answers to several nicknames, but the one that sums him up best of all is Ceefax. Robbo loves a story and never misses out any details, you see. He's a perky character and when he returned from Newcastle it was as though he'd never been away.

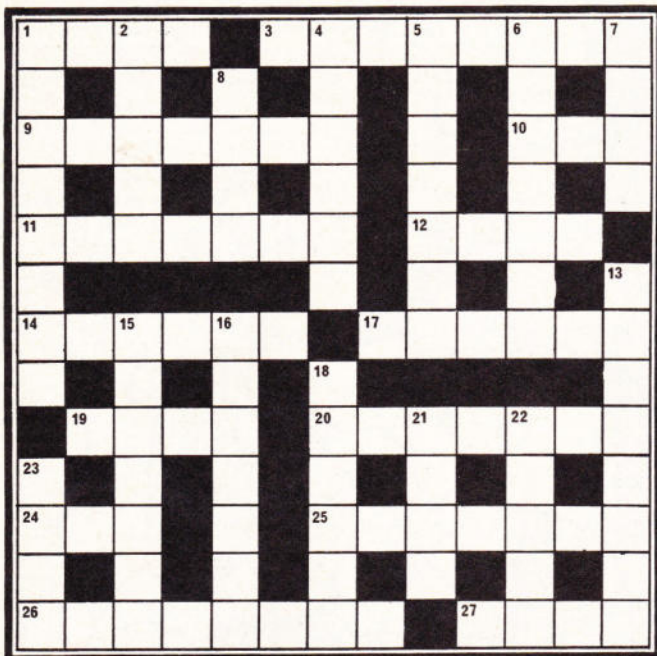
**SANDY CLARK** – Undoubtedly the worst singer at the club. His party piece is Tony Bennett's 'I Left My Heart In San Francisco' but Sandy's version has to be heard to be believed. I have to say, though, that his singing has improved since he joined the coaching staff. Who's a creep?

**WAYNE FOSTER** – The man with the broad Lancashire accent is a walking form book who seems to know more about horses than Peter O'Sullivan. Needless to say, he has been known to have a bet now and again – and insists he once had a winner.

**JOHN COLQUHOUN** – Suave, sophisticated and extremely modest. The lads take the mickey out of my famous black duffle bag that contains all my odds and ends – items like my personal stereo and copy of The Independent. I'm also very conservation conscious and keep telling them to use roll-on deodorants, rather than sprays, to protect the ozone layer. I sometimes wonder if I'm wasting my time...



# CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

- (1) Full-back who swapped Ayresome Park for the City Ground (4).
- (3) Second Division conquerors of Everton and Spurs in the Cups this season (8).
- (9) Former Villa and Luton player currently in Italy (7).

- (10) Park where Motherwell play their home games (3).
- (11) League and FA Cup winners in 1971 (7).
- (12) Greek team from Salonika (4).
- (14) Glasgow Rangers defender or former Plymouth stalwart (6).
- (17) Edgar or Love, perhaps (6).
- (19) Christian name of unsettled Coventry defender formerly

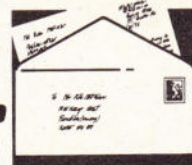
- with Norwich (4).
- (20) Former Italian hatchet man (7).
- (24) Number of England caps Aston Villa 'keeper Nigel Spink has won (3).
- (25) Top Yugoslav team from Belgrade (3,4).
- (26) Nickname of Scottish club East Stirling (3,5).
- (27) Middle East nation who qualified for the 1978 World Cup Finals (4).

## CLUES DOWN

- (1) Newcastle player joined this season from non-League Barnet (3,5).
- (2) They drew 3-3 with Israel in a friendly international earlier this month (5).
- (4) Rarely seen on the terraces these days (6).
- (5) Rangers midfielder who has missed most of the season with a knee ligaments injury (7).
- (6) Much-maligned rule of the game (3,4).
- (7) Shade of Blue favoured by Dundee fans (4).
- (8) Nickname of Ipswich - not Blues (4).
- (13) Surprise Scottish Cup winners in 1987 (2,6).
- (15) Former Spurs boss now assistant manager at another London club (7).
- (16) Footballing brothers Tom and Tony (7).
- (18) The fans' hero (6).
- (21) Hundreds of these are made for players every season (4).
- (22) One of Liam Brady's Italian clubs (5).
- (23) Italy in 1990, for example (4).

**ANSWERS ON  
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# PEN PALS



● Nicola Lee, 19 Oxley Road, Unit 02-03, Orchard Court, Singapore 0923 is 15-years-old and would like to hear from readers from all over the world. She supports Liverpool and West Ham and also likes music and other sports.

● Philip Wilson, 13 Hawthorn Road, Bolton-le-Sand, Carnforth, Lancs LA5 6EY is also 15-years-old. He wants a pen pal who supports his favourite clubs, Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers.

● Jim Rogan, 11 Abbotsford Road, Chapelhall, By Airdrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland ML6 8XJ is aged 12. He is a Celtic fan who also enjoys American Football. Jim wants to hear from a SHOOT reader aged 10-13.

● Donovan McBride, Reet Petite, Marais, L'ancresse, Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands supports Blackpool, Oxford, Cambridge and Sweden.

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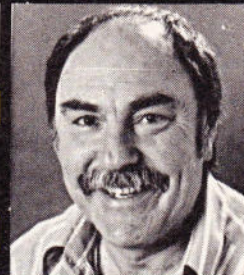
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# GREAVSIE



## VINNY MUST GO

Although Vinny Jones must learn to control himself, the real villain of his sending-off at Everton was Kevin Ratcliffe, who was hardly touched yet went down as if he'd been shot. It's the foreigners and actors we should be more worried about than the obvious players like Jones.

Whether or not Ratcliffe made a meal of it, which he obviously did, is irrelevant. Jones should have been sent-off for his initial foul on Graeme Sharp. It has now reached the stage where he shouldn't be playing professional football because he simply isn't good enough. He thinks he's a hard man, but I don't believe he has the bottle to make an honest tackle. He never goes in for a 50-50 ball. He waits until the odds are 70-30 in his favour, and that's the coward's way. Wimbledon have allowed him to get away with murder for far too long. Referees mustn't fall into the same trap.

### England's Greek bonus

England's recent victory in Greece might not have been the greatest performance of all time, but at least we've discovered how to win again and that's a start.

**SARAH MORRIS, CHORLEY, LANCS.**

Very true. The Greeks are no mugs and I think it was a good effort to get a win out there. It was certainly a better result than Scotland's 3-2 win in Cyprus... if Richard Gough hadn't scored that goal they'd still be playing now. No matter what England do, the Press are going to call for Bobby Robson's head after every game. But I'll certainly settle for the same result in Albania next month.

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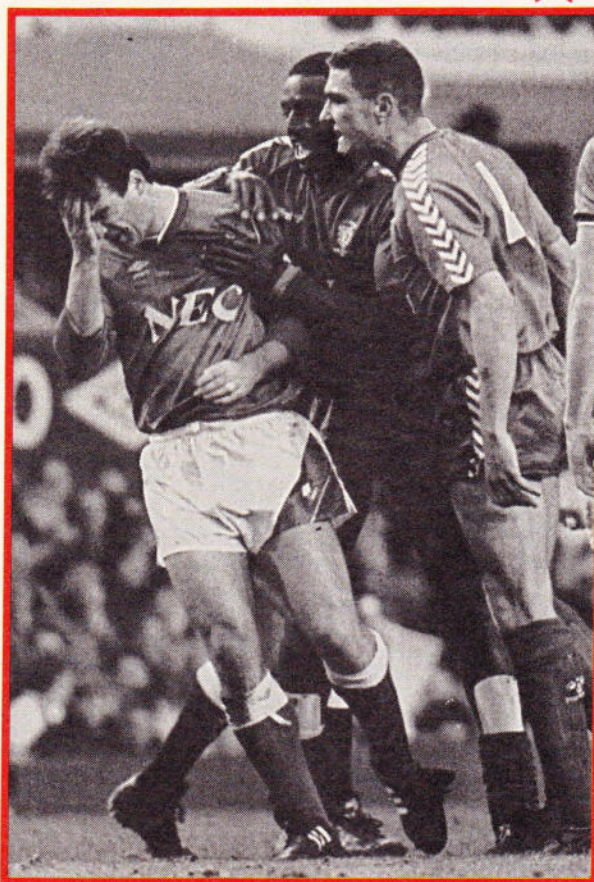
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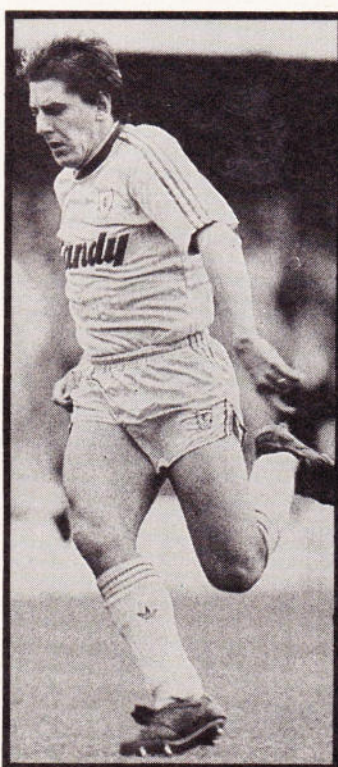


### Keep Beardsley on the subs' bench

Liverpool are correct to leave Peter Beardsley out in favour of Ian Rush and John Aldridge. Beardsley is a good player, but it's the other two who score goals together.

**CHRIS DENNY, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, HERTS.**

Now that Rushie has hit a bit of form his combination with Aldridge could be lethal. I admire Beardsley tremendously and think he's a very good player. But he's not a scorer. Kenny Dalglish must either play Peter in some form of midfield role or leave him on the bench. And that's a dilemma which is also facing England boss Bobby Robson. He's too much of a luxury in attack.



### Yorath shame

Terry Yorath is the latest in a long line of managers who have refused to honour their contract. He should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

**A. MULLERY, MIDDLESBROUGH.**

Football has become a game without ethics and the managers, players and chairmen are all as bad as each other. Money is the only thing that seems to matter any more. I'm very disappointed with Terry Yorath, but if anyone should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute it's the Bradford chairman. He sacked Terry Dolan for no obvious reason and has tried to replace him with his mate. Bradford have had plenty of charity over the last few years. It's time they showed a bit of their own.

### This time Barnet?

Barnet are again challenging for the Vauxhall Conference crown and a place in the League. Will it be third time lucky for your old club?

**ROSS FENTIMAN, ROMFORD, ESSEX.**

I hope so because Stan Flashman has put a lot of time, money and effort into the club. They've just missed out for the past two seasons, so if they do win the Conference it will be a deserved success. But I have to say that the Football League hardly needs another club in that particular area of North London.

### Blame the team

Why do Newcastle fans blame the directors for the team's inadequacies? Surely the players who lose all their games are the people at fault.

**GARY CHRISTIE, CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.**

Over the years the board have allowed a number of top quality players to leave St. James' Park and never adequately replaced them. The players left are not good enough, and that is the board's fault because they pay the wages and transfer fees.

## WALLY OF THE WEEK

It's time Charlton sacked Lennie Lawrence. They'll never win a thing while he's in charge of the team.

**KEVIN MCLEAN, DARTFORD, KENT.**

Lennie has got to be the Tommy Cooper of football... he performs magic and still keeps laughing. To achieve what he has done at Charlton is nothing short of a soccer miracle. He's arguably the best boss in the First Division and has more chance of staying there than the team he's currently manager of. He deserves a massive pay rise. And he certainly deserves better than Wallys like you.



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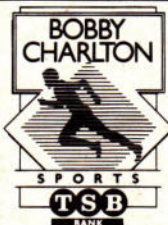
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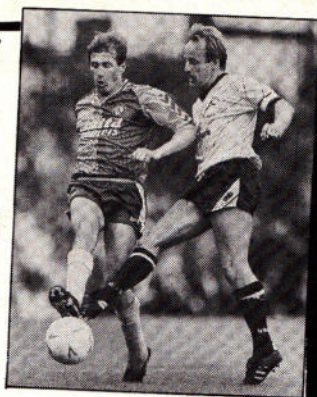


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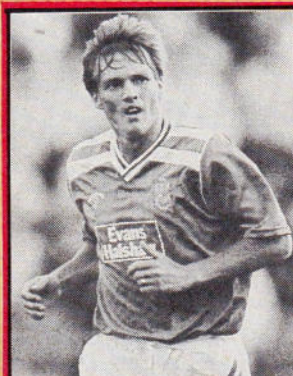
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## Wigley away?

Leicester boss **DAVID PLEAT** is ready to try again for Birmingham's unsettled winger **STEVE WIGLEY**. He's already had an offer of £300,000 knocked back but is anxious to secure a deal in the face of mounting interest from Portsmouth, Crystal Palace and Dundee.

## Boro's Spurs shock

**S**purrs have slapped an amazing £500,000 price tag on homesick 18-year-old **SHAUN MURRAY** following an enquiry from Middlesbrough.

The former England schoolboy international is unhappy living in London and wants to return to his native North-East, but someone at White Hart Lane obviously has a long memory.

For the last homesick lad Spurs released to Middlesbrough was a young **GRAEME SOUNESS** ... and they didn't receive a penny.

● Dundee utility man **BILLY KIRKWOOD** has been ruled out for the rest of the season after tearing his stomach muscles recently.

## O'Neill blocked

Newcastle's much criticised board of directors have blocked the sale of striker **MICHAEL O'NEILL** to North-East neighbours Sunderland after manager **JIM SMITH** had agreed on a £200,000 fee.

The Northern Irish international (right) reveals: "I've also been told Celtic and Hibs have been looking at me, and with the Sunderland deal falling through I don't really know whether I'm coming or going."

"But now it seems I'm staying at St. James' Park and will do everything to keep Newcastle in the First Division for their wonderful fans."

## Liverpool eye Scots duo

Liverpool are considering a double move for promising young Stranraer defenders **GRAHAM HAY** and **ALAN EWING**.

**KENNY DALGLISH** has already spoken to Stranraer boss **ALEX McANESPIE** about the duo and has had them both checked out by chief scout **RON YEATS**.

McAnespie reports: "For my money, Hay is the best full-back in Scotland. Don't forget that I played with **STEVE NICOL** at Ayr, and I think Hay is a better player."

Centre-half Ewing has only been at Stranraer for two months after joining them from Beith Juniors.

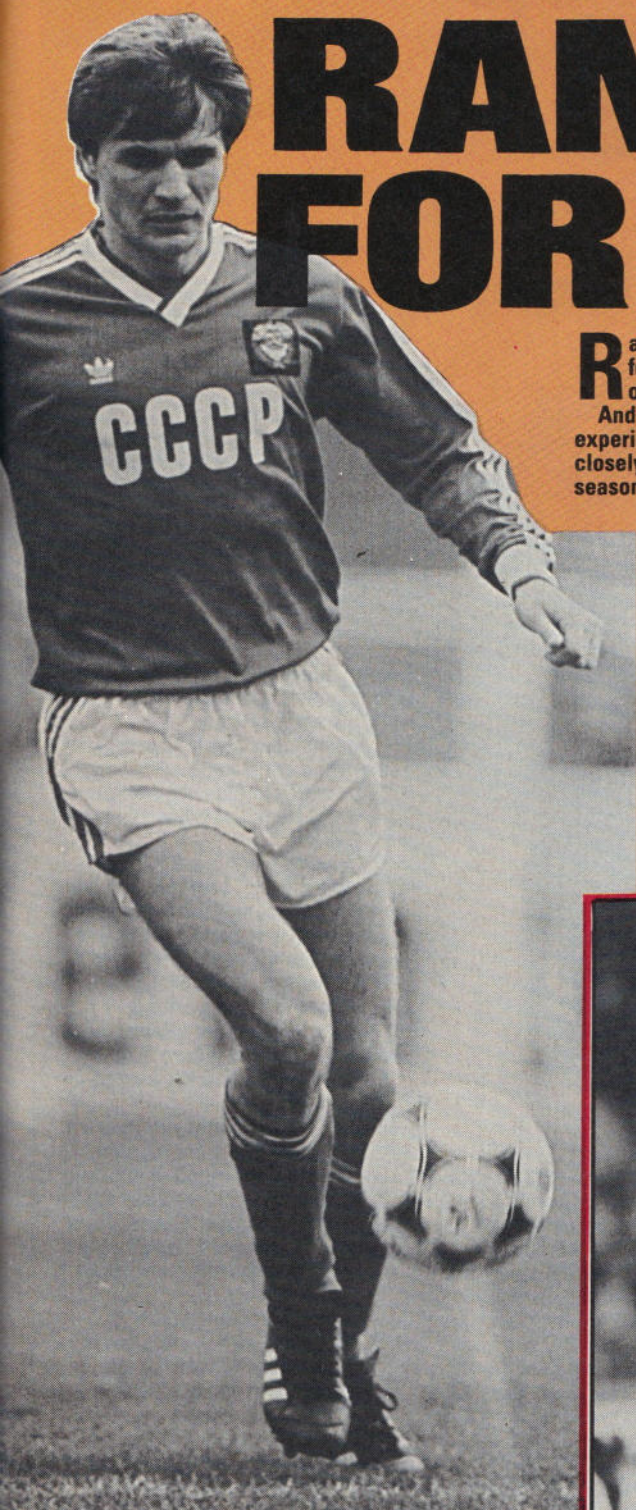


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# LARGE

● West Bromwich Albion fans, shocked to hear that an Everton supporter had lost an eye after being attacked by thugs at the FA Cup Third Round tie between the two teams, organised an impromptu whip-round during the recent away trip to Leicester and raised £1,415 for the unfortunate victim. What is it about football that brings out the best and worst in people?



## RANGERS GO FOR RED RATS

**R**angers boss GRAEME SOUNESS is ready to follow Ipswich's lead to the Soviet Union in order to solve his left-back problem.

And the man he wants is Dynamo Kiev's experienced international VASILY RATS, who was closely linked with Old Firm rivals Celtic earlier in the season.

With the Russians now allowing their veteran stars to move to the West, the way is clear for Rats to follow his former Kiev team-mate SERGEI BALTACHA to Britain.

He was all set to sign for Spanish club Espanol but the deal fell through last month and that has alerted Souness to the possibility of a snatch.

Rats is keen to come to the West and would jump at the chance of joining the team which overwhelmed Kiev in last season's European Cup competition. And with the total deal not likely to cost much more than £400,000, Rangers have more than ample resources to get their man.

## UNITED SIGNINGS

**M**anchester United manager ALEX FERGUSON has taken a big step towards securing the long-term future of his young team by collecting the signatures of LEE MARTIN, RUSSELL BEARDSMORE, TONY GILL, DAVID WILSON and LEE SHARPE (below) on improved, extended new contracts.



HOOT ANSWERS: Page 19. PLACE THE ACE:

The mystery guest is Terry Venables. Page 20-21. TRUE OR FALSE? It has been proposed and a decision will be made at the Scottish FA AGM in May. WHATSANAME? Ray Houghton. YOU ARE THE REF: 1. You award an indirect free-kick for dangerous play. 2.

The problem is in C. The lines must be clearly marked between the posts and have the same width as the goalposts. Page 22. SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Finger missing. Racket extended. No crowd. Longer sleeve. Window missing. No stripes on socks. No hat on 'keeper's head. Bigger ear. Thicker hoops on jersey. No stripes on 'keeper's tracksuit. TEN TOTALLY TRIVIAL TEASERS: 1. Ossie Ardiles. 2. David Speedie. 3. Ray Wilkins. 4. Leroy Rosenior. 5. Keith Peacock. 6. Cyrille Regis. 7. John Collins. 8. Gary Lineker. 9. Vinny Jones. 10.

Maurice Malpas. WHAT NEXT? Sprake drew his arm back to throw the ball to a team-mate and as he was about to let go the ball slipped from his hand and flew into his own net. AROUND THE GROUNDS: 1. Birmingham. 2. Aberdeen. 3. Coventry. 4. Burnley. 5. Portsmouth. 6. Blackburn. 7. Dundee United. 8. Oxford. 9. Sheffield Wednesday. 10. Brighton. The answers to the You are the Ref question in our 11th February issue were unfortunately left off. They are: 1. C. 2. B.



# STEVEN'S WAITING GAME

**E**VERTON boss Colin Harvey faces a nail-biting wait before learning whether he's secured the services of one of his most influential players.

Having guaranteed the futures of most of his first team squad the Goodison chief hit a major stumbling block when England international Trevor Steven refused to sign a new contract.

And with Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers and Italian club Sampdoria all watching the situation with interest, the Goodison chief faces a worrying few months.

Steven, a key figure in Everton's two title triumphs in the 80s, continues to resist signing a lucrative new deal, saying: "I am not going to be pushed into making a decision until I am good and ready."

"I have been saying for months that I will wait until my contract has expired at the end of the season before committing myself either way, and that still stands."

Recent Press reports suggested that the 25-year-old midfielder was all set to sign a new deal with the club he joined from Burnley in the summer of 1983.

But though he has had preliminary talks with Colin Harvey he insists the stories have no foundation.

Everton fans hope Steven will follow the lead of Graeme Sharp, Neville Southall, Kevin Ratcliffe and Dave Watson in committing

his long-term future to the club but he says: "Just because they have signed new contracts doesn't mean I have to do the same."

Having won the Championship in 1985 and 1987 Steven found last season's failure difficult to come to terms with. And, despite an injection of new blood and fresh optimism, Everton's wretched title challenge this term has done little to lift his spirits.

## 'Disappointment'

"This season has been a bitter disappointment because we felt we were in with a great chance of winning the League again," he says. "But we just haven't got it together as a team."

"The fact that things haven't gone so well has had a bearing on my thinking and is something I will have to assess at the end of the season. But there are a lot of other things to take into account."

"Money comes into it – although it's certainly not

*'I'll decide my future at the end of the season – and not before'*

everything – and I have to be sure I make the right decision, not just for me but my family."

Steven does admit, however, that once out of contract he would be prepared to listen to overtures from big clubs – at home and abroad.

"That's something else I will have to assess," he says. "But all the talk about my future has been a bit unsettling and I just want to put it all to the back of my mind."

For the time being Steven is concentrating on one thing; recapturing the form which made him a permanent fixture in the England squad until the start of this season.

The failure of Bobby Robson's men in West Germany, together with a couple of niggling injuries, have meant he has been left out of the last three England squads and he says: "After being involved for so long I'm desperate to get back in ... and quickly."

"I have been reasonably pleased with my form this season but, in addition to the injuries, I have been played out of position for much of the season."

"I've hardly played in my traditional wide position and, while I've been happy to help Colin Harvey out when we've had injuries, I still prefer to play out on the right."

"I felt a bit sorry for myself watching the England game in Greece recently, wishing that I was flying down the right flank, and the fact David Rocastle has done so well means it's going to be difficult for me to get back in."

"But Bobby Robson knows what I am capable of and all that's left for me to do is keep plugging away and hope for the best." The same could be said of Colin Harvey.



SPOTLIGHT  
ON

# Alistair McCOIST

## Rangers

**Full name:** Alistair Murdoch McCoist.

**Date of birth:** September 24, 1962.

**Clubs:** St. Johnstone, Sunderland, Rangers.

**Hobbies:** Listening to music, playing golf (badly) and watching sport on TV – especially the 5-Nations Rugby Union Championships at the moment.

**How would you assess your season so far?**

In terms of my form it's been okay, but injury-wise it has been an absolute nightmare. I used to be regarded as a quick healer (I made a comeback eight days after a cartilage operation last season) but having taken three months to get over a hamstring injury that record has gone out of the window.

**When did the injury problems start?**

Soon after the Skol Cup Final victory over Aberdeen last October. In fact, thinking about it, I had quite a week. I scored two goals, including a late winner, in the Final on the Sunday; was sent-off for a high tackle against Cologne on the Wednesday (the bloke I kicked conked the ref, though!) and then I did my hamstring against St. Mirren the following Saturday. Talk about the ups and downs of football.

**Why did it take so long for the hamstring to clear up?**

It was my fault really, I tried to come back too soon and kept breaking down. Even a visit to Amsterdam to see specialist Richard Smith (the man who treated Bryan Robson) didn't seem to work. It was only when I went down to the Rehabilitation Centre at Liffeshall that I started to get on the right road.

**Have you been disappointed with your goal tally this season?**

Having scored 31, 33 and 27 League goals in the last three seasons it is difficult to come to terms with the fact that I've only got about half a dozen in the Premier so far this season. It's disappointing but the

thing to remember is that I've missed half the games. My only consolation is that I got two important goals in the Skol Cup Final.

**Have you given up hope of topping the scoring charts this season?**

Not entirely, because the leaders at the moment (Celtic's Frank McAvennie and Mark McGhee) are only just in double figures having missed a few games themselves this season. Frank was in brilliant form until he broke his arm and my money's on him to finish as leading scorer but I'll keep chasing him until it's impossible to catch him. Mind you I don't think there's much chance of me winning the Golden Shoe!

**Will this go down as your worst season for Rangers?**

Not if we win the title it won't. A Championship winners' medal, a few goals on the way AND a Scotland recall would more than make up for the three months I missed.

**Did you manage to remain your usual cheerful self during your lay-off?**

Most of the time. There wasn't much point in moping around the place just because of an injury. We all get them from time to time. In any case if I had let the lads see me with a long face I would have got merciless stick. They are a great bunch of lads and Ibrox is a fun place to be whatever your dilemma.

**Are you the joker in the pack?**

I suppose you could say that, although just lately most of the jokes seem to be on me. I've played pranks on most of the lads in my time – especially Davie Cooper – but they've started to backfire on me. Only recently he caught me with the old deep heat in the underpants trick (what's the name of that Jerry Lee Lewis record?) and I'm sure there are more to come. I've got to be on my guard but it's all good, harmless fun.







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**W**imbledon reached the FA Cup Quarter-Finals for the third successive year, and moved a step nearer retaining the trophy they won so unexpectedly last season.

But Liverpool gave warning of their intention to gain revenge by winning yet another away tie to reach the last eight.

The Dons owed their success to little Dennis Wise, who created two and scored the third to knock out Grimsby.

Liverpool's John Aldridge scored twice in 90 seconds to secure The Reds' 3-2 victory at Hull, while Merseyside rivals Everton also went through thanks to Graeme Sharp's solitary goal at Barnsley.

West Ham recalled 38-year-old Phil Parkes to their goal, and he kept a clean sheet while newcomer Stuart Slater scored The Hammers' winner at Charlton.

Norwich also made the last eight, but only after a mighty struggle against Dave Bassett's Sheffield United, who twice forced equalisers before losing out to Dale Gordon's late winner.

# TALE OF TWO B LUT MIS



## Dons march on ... and so do

*Terry Phelan dives through the air with the greatest of ease to head home Wimbledon's second goal against Grimsby.*





# BLISSETTS HER SED IT



## But Gary didn't

**G**ary Blissett overshadowed his famous namesake as he provided the shock result of the Fifth Round for Third Division Brentford, scoring both goals in their 2-0 victory at Blackburn. Luther, twice a cup victor over Manchester United, failed by the width of his bootlaces to share the spotlight by not quite connecting to an 87th minute cross (left). Proper contact would have left Bournemouth with their second FA Cup triumph over United in five years. Instead the South Coast club had to be content with a plum replay at Old Trafford.

## The Reds

## Hammers Phil the gap



*Hull 'keeper Iain Hesford saves this time – but John Aldridge had the last word for Liverpool.*



*Phil Parkes is in command for West Ham against Charlton's Colin Pates.*





Charlie's 1986 World Cup campaign came to a premature end against the Danes.

# DONS GRO

**C**harlie Nicholas is back. And now the born-again striker has two targets for 1989: to help Scotland to their fifth successive World Cup finals and to win the SHOOT/adidas Golden Shoe award for the Scottish Premier Division.

The prince of Pittodrie is back among the goals and enjoying the Aberdeen high life after four wasted years at Arsenal when he won the headlines but precious little else.

And Charlie admits: "I'm very happy with my current form. I haven't played this consistently for a very long time ... certainly not since I left Celtic."

And Nicholas, now 27, put his current success down to the fact that he's a more mature and settled person since his return to Scotland.

"People say it's easy for me to play in the Scottish Premier Division because I can just get by on my natural ability. But I've come to realise I can't rely on skill alone.

"I have to take on the workmanlike and physical aspects of the British game if I'm going to make anything of my career.

"I'm a more mature player now and I lead the line better. Instead of trying to be an individual all the time, I'm looking to bring the other members of the team into play."

Nicholas missed the first six games of the season to go through a series of fitness and stamina exercises. He's also been sidelined by a niggling hamstring injury and reckons to have missed 15 matches in all.

Which makes his appearance among the Premier Division's leading scorers all the more surprising. At present he's scored 11 League goals, just one less than Celtic duo Frank McAvennie and Mark McGhee.

And he admits: "a lot of people wrote me off when I came to Aberdeen. They said I'd never get my old sharpness back. That's why I want to win the SHOOT/adidas Golden Shoe. It would prove all those people wrong.

## 'Strike'

"I haven't really had a settled strike partner at Aberdeen this season, but I've enjoyed playing with young Paul Wright. He's given me a bit of leeway because he can read my situations well."

And Nicholas also predicts that Aberdeen's new signing Wim Van der Ark is going to pose all sorts of problems when he is finally unleashed on Scottish defences.

"He's a typical European with all the technique. But he's also a big lad who puts himself about.

**'And now I'll  
my doubters v  
says CHARLIE**

Defenders are going to find it very difficult to adapt to marking him."

Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh recently paid tribute to Nicholas when he said: "Charlie is the most gifted player I have worked with."

And that admiration was underlined when the international chief recalled the Aberdeen striker to his squad for the recent World Cup qualifier in Cyprus.

Nicholas admits he was disappointed to play no part in that controversial 3-2 victory in Limassol but says: "One of my first aims when I signed for Aberdeen was to get back into the Scotland

squad and at least I've now got my foot in the door.

"Competition for places in the Scotland attack has never been fiercer, and as well as the four of us who went to Cyprus there's also Frank McAvennie, Ally McCoist, Graeme Sharp and Gordon Durie.

"Mo Johnston is the man in form at the moment and he's probably first choice. The rest of us are all chasing one place. But I was only fifth in line during the 1986 qualifying campaign yet by the time of the finals in Mexico I was number one."

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# MADE ME DOWN UP

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E NICHOLAS

Charlie's World Cup lasted little more than an hour before he was stretchered off during Scotland's opening game against the Danes.

He admits he'd love to go to Italy next year to make up for that disappointment and says: "I'd approach the whole thing differently this time."

"In 1986 I was part of a struggling Arsenal team and I wasn't playing particularly well. Now I'm full of confidence and believe I'd do myself justice against the world's best defenders."

First, though, there is the little

matter of Scotland's qualifying campaign and after away victories in Norway and Cyprus they are looking good bets to make it five World Cups in a row.

Much could be decided in a couple of weeks when Michel Platini's France come to Hampden. Victory for Scotland would almost certainly guarantee them a place in the first two of Group Five.

And Nicholas says: "I'll be disappointed if I'm not involved at some stage against the French."

## 'Flair'

1. Which English First Division club did Charlie play for before joining Aberdeen?

2. Which award did Charlie pick up recently?

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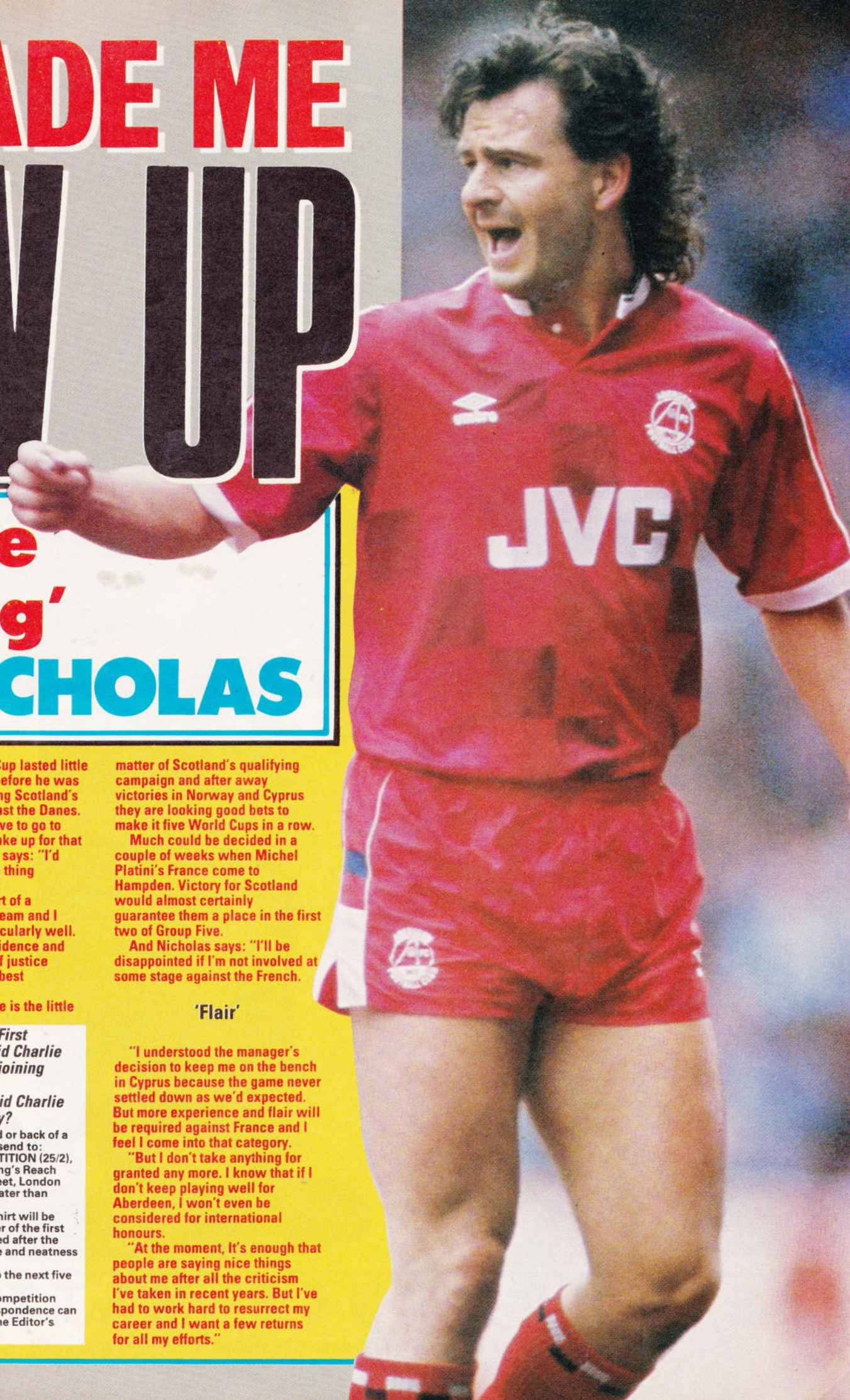
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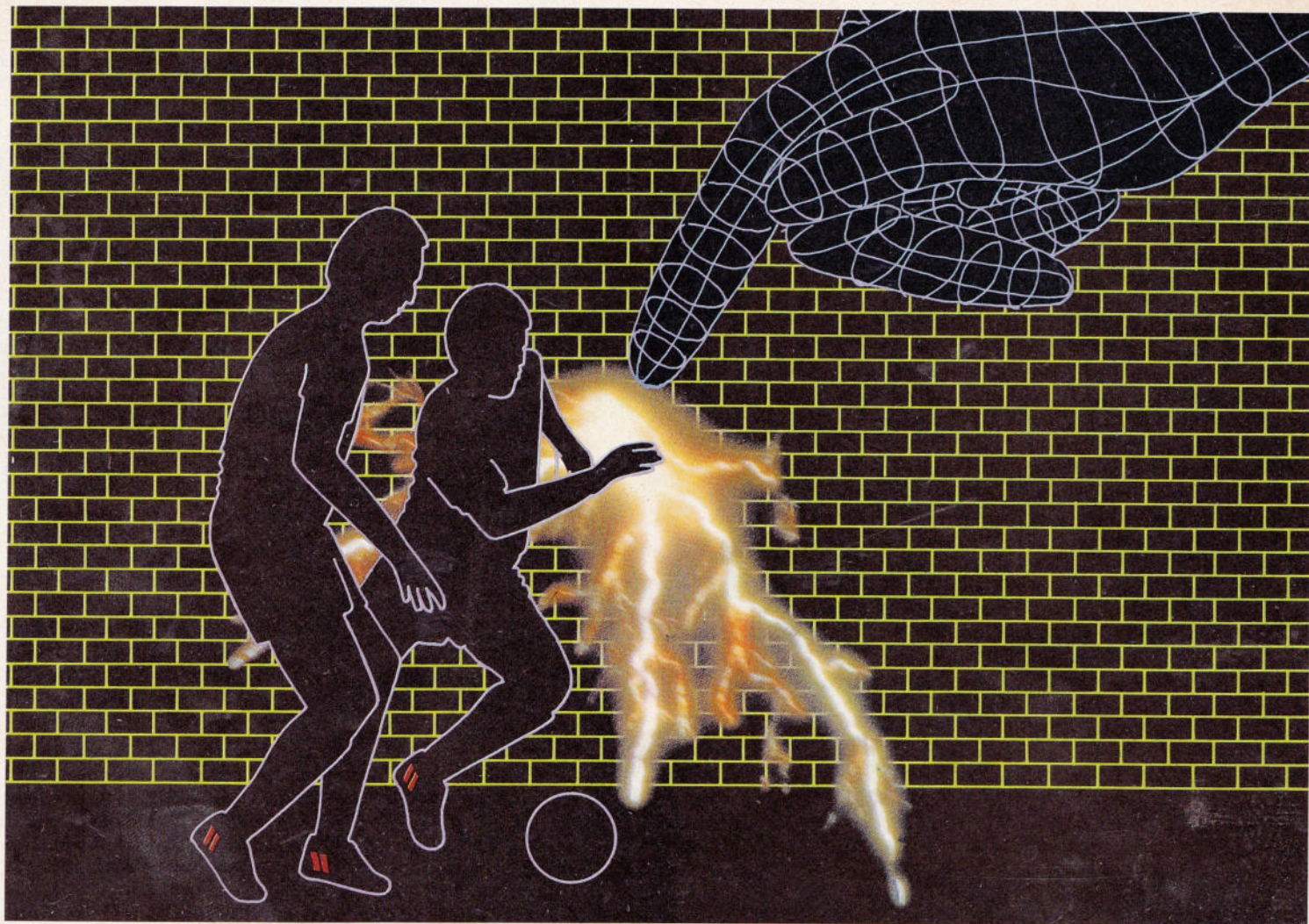
"I understood the manager's decision to keep me on the bench in Cyprus because the game never settled down as we'd expected. But more experience and flair will be required against France and I feel I come into that category."

"But I don't take anything for granted any more. I know that if I don't keep playing well for Aberdeen, I won't even be considered for international honours."

"At the moment, it's enough that people are saying nice things about me after all the criticism I've taken in recent years. But I've had to work hard to resurrect my career and I want a few returns for all my efforts."







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